Footprints of Faith

Testimony and Perseverance Through Temptation

Lesson One: A Path Worth Taking

Facilitator Guide

Purpose: Identify the purpose of spiritual growth and explain how testimony can encourage a difficult faithful choice.

Readings: Hebrews 11:24–26; Hebrews 11:32–40; Hebrews 12:1–3.

Opening question: What does a traveled mountain path communicate that an unmarked mountainside does not?

Conducting the lesson

1. Introduce the path. Connect the summit with looking toward Christ. Explain that footprints represent testimony; popularity alone does not establish a righteous direction.

2. Read Moses' example. Ask what the alternatives offered and what Moses valued more. Emphasize that discomfort alone does not make a decision bad, and immediate pleasure alone does not make it good.

3. Examine the witnesses. Include both deliverance and suffering in Hebrews 11. Ask how these accounts encourage perseverance without guaranteeing the same earthly outcome.

4. Connect with ordinary life. Use the invitation illustration from the course. Ask what the boundary protects and how the need for companionship could be addressed constructively.

Discussion

1. What makes faithfulness worth pursuing when pleasure is immediately available?

2. How can testimony encourage without becoming a guarantee?

3. What lasting good might a difficult choice protect?

Application: Invite each participant to name a desired direction and one concrete choice that supports it. Responses may remain private.

Close: Return to the road's purpose and the encouragement of its footprints. Ask participants to retain their reflections for the final testimony.

Facilitator reminder: Keep Jesus as the focus. Do not present the summit as earthly perfection or a life without temptation.