"Something Better: The Best Life is Yet to Come!"

(1) Getting Started	(3) Questions?
 Review From Last Week Recite Hebrews 11:1 (and or 11:6) or any other Scriptures you are working on memorizing. Personal Reflection How can the group pray for you this week? 	 Read Matthew 13:16-17 John 20:24-29 1 John 1:1-4 Discuss The OT saints longed for what the Apostles "saw". But Jesus knew how hard it would be for us to put our faith in someone we can't see. Why is this so hard for us as humans? In what ways do we "see" Jesus in our lives?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
 Read Hebrews 11:27-40 Discuss This passage lists in rapid-fire succession people who had faith in God's promises to them even though they couldn't see how it would turn out. 	 Reflection Pastor Dave talked a lot about the lies of the Prosperity Gospel: the idea that God will bless you in this life if (<u>fill in the blank</u>). What have you put in that blank before? What does the actual Gospel say about that?
 Out of all of these, which situation would have been the hardest for you to trust and obey God, and why? (Leaving Egypt, Passover, Red Sea, Jericho, etc.) What is your reaction to the way this chapter ends? (v.40) 	 Have you ever doubted God's goodness or existence because of something difficult that has happened in your life? If so, what did that reveal about where your hope really was? Is there someone you know who is struggling in their faith because they are facing difficulties? How can you encourage them? How can the group pray for you to do that?