

RADIANT SAVIOR

Week 11 – Radiant Savior Hebrews 12 – May 12, 2024

Check out one of these helpful resources:

How to Read Hebrews – Tim Mackie: <https://bit.ly/3OSjeXD>

Hebrews – Derwin Gray: <https://bit.ly/3OOTI5w>

Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW (Build Relationships)

- As we begin our discussion on Hebrews 12, share one thing that currently feels like a "weight" or hindrance in your life that makes it difficult to run the race with endurance.
- Can you think of a time when you faced a challenging situation or setback, but persevered through it? What helped you to endure?
- Who is someone in your life (historical figure, family member, friend, etc.) that you consider a great example of endurance and perseverance?
- What are some activities or hobbies that require endurance and discipline? How do you stay motivated in pursuing those activities?
- Share a time when you experienced the joy or reward of persevering through a difficult task or situation.
- In what areas of your life do you find it most challenging to maintain endurance and perseverance?
- Can you think of a time when you experienced discipline or correction from a parent, teacher, or authority figure that ultimately benefited you in the long run?



GROW: (Grow Spiritually)

- Hebrews 12:1 speaks of being "surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses." Who do you think this cloud of witnesses refers to, and how can their example motivate us to run our race with endurance?
- What does it mean to "lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely" (Hebrews 12:1)? Can you identify any specific "weights" or sins that you need to lay aside in order to run your race more effectively?
- Why is it important to "look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2)? How can fixing our eyes on Jesus help us to endure and persevere?
- Consider this quote from John Piper: "*The key to endurance in the cause of self-sacrificing love is not heroic willpower, but deep, unshakable confidence that the joy we have tasted in fellowship with Christ will not disappoint us in death.*" How does this relate to the message of Hebrews 12, and what can we learn from this perspective?
- Hebrews 12:5-6 reminds us that God disciplines those He loves. How can we view God's discipline as an act of love and grace, rather than punishment? (Consider also Proverbs 3:11-12 and Revelation 3:19)
- Hebrews 12:14 encourages us to "pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." What practical steps can we take to pursue peace and holiness in our daily lives?
- In Hebrews 12:15, we are warned against the danger of a "root of bitterness" growing up and defiling many. How can bitterness or unforgiveness hinder our spiritual growth and endurance?
- Hebrews 12:18-24 contrasts the terrifying experience of the Israelites at Mount Sinai with the "heavenly Jerusalem" and the "sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel." What is the significance of this contrast, and how does it encourage us to persevere in our faith?
- Hebrews 12:25-29 reminds us that our God is a "consuming fire" and that we must worship Him with reverence and awe. How can a proper understanding of God's holiness and majesty motivate us to live lives of endurance and faithful obedience?



SHOW: (Live on Mission)

- Based on our discussion of Hebrews 12, what is one specific "weight" or sin that you need to lay aside in order to run your race with greater endurance?
- Hebrews 12:2 encourages us to "fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." What are some practical ways you can keep your focus on Jesus throughout your daily routine this week? (e.g., Scripture memorization, setting reminders, accountability partner, etc.)
- Hebrews 12:14 exhorts us to "pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." Identify one relationship in your life where pursuing peace has been a struggle. What biblical principles can you apply this week to promote reconciliation and peace in that relationship?