

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Living out the gospel with
one another in our homes

Community Group Questions

Sermon: Ted, Hebrews 12:1-17

Overview

Ted described **holiness** as the core of God's being. It is also something we can participate in with God. It is a hard road, and we have to reorient our hearts to embrace them as graces from God. Suffering is something that we participate in now, in fact is in invitation from Christ himself. Thus our view of troubles should not be; "Lord take this from me", but "help me receive it as one of your strange mercies".

Discussion Topics & Questions

Read Hebrews 12:1-17 as a group

1. Holiness

Holiness is at the core of God's being.

- a. What are some examples of God's holiness?
- b. How is God's "holiness" exhibited at the cross?
- c. Where do we stand with our own holiness?

2. Participation with Christ // Shedding the weight

Holiness is something we can participate in with God

- a. How did Jesus pioneer and perfect becoming holy?
- b. Read Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
How is Christ bringing about holiness in his followers hearts?
- c. What was the runners analogy Ted used and how is applicable to the process of sanctification?
- d. Sin hardens a heart, and a hardened heart sins more.
- e. How does the spirit help give us endurance in this race?

3. Going through the kiln

Ted used the illustration of pottery and a kiln to describe our relationship between hardship and growth, hardship being a necessity to growing in holiness and Christ-likeness.

- a. What was the pottery/kiln analogy Ted used to describe how the “hard road of holiness” shapes us?
- b. Do you feel like you welcome hardships? Why is it so hard to?
- c. Is there a frowning providence in your life right now?
- d. Is God using it to mold you?
- e. God will bring it all to completion one day. Right now is our time to endure, our race set before us, no matter what he gives us.