



Use this guide to help your community group engage further with this week's sermon.

Better Things (Hebrews 6:9-12)

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- 1. Consider this question to start your conversation:** When was a time you received encouragement about fruit in your Christian life? What was that experience like for you?
- 2. Read the passage and observe some of the main points:**
 - a. How does the tone of that passage change from verses 4-8 and verses 9-12?
 - b. What are the "better things" the author is convinced of for his readers?
 - c. How does verse 10 describe the fruit of salvation?
 - d. How are faith and patience related to inheriting God's promises in verse 12?
- 3. Reflect on this passage and sermon:**
 - a. Is there a difference between healthy doubt and spiritual danger? Explain.
 - b. Why do you think the author calls the readers "beloved" at this point in the letter?
 - c. How have you seen God working in the lives of people in your group recently?
 - d. Why is community important for noticing the fruit of salvation in our lives?
 - e. How does knowing that God sees and remembers your acts of love and service to other Christians affect your motivation to press on in faith?
- 4. Apply this passage and sermon to your life:**
 - a. What is one way you can show love to others in your group this week?
 - b. How might our group set the example of showing active love to our church?
 - c. Do you see spiritual fruit in your life? Who can you ask to help you recognize it?
 - d. How can you encourage someone else who may be struggling with doubt, discouragement, or sin in their life?
 - e. Look through some of God's promises in Hebrews (on the next page). Which do you need to hold onto right now in order to press on in trusting Christ?
- 5. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 and pray for one another:** How would you like us to pray for you in light of this discussion?

Here are some of God's promises from Hebrews that were discussed in the sermon:

1. God sends ministering spirits to help His people (1:16).
2. Jesus has tasted death in our place for us, and is now glorified (2:9).
3. Jesus is not ashamed to call us His brothers and sisters (2:11).
4. He has destroyed death and Satan (2:14-15).
5. Jesus makes propitiation for our sins... they are completely extinguished! (2:17).
6. Jesus suffered while tempted, so He is able to help us in our time of temptation (2:18).
7. We can enter God's rest, where we rest from our works (Hebrews 4:1, 10).
8. We will find Mercy and Grace as we draw near to Jesus in our time of need (4:16).
9. God will not forget your love for His people (6:10).
10. Jesus is able to save, TO THE UTMOST, those who draw near to God through Him (8:25).
11. Jesus has secured eternal redemption through His blood (9:12).
12. The blood of Christ purifies our conscience from dead works to serve the living God (9:14).
13. Christ will come to save us (9:28).
14. God will remember our sins and lawless deeds no more (10:17).
15. God will never leave us or forsake us (13:5-6).
16. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (13:8).