



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

Marked By Love, Part 2 (Hebrews 12:9-11)

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Sermon Summary: God disciplines us because He loves us as His children. His discipline is not evidence that He has abandoned us, but part of His loving work to train us in holiness. Though hardship is painful, God uses it for our good, producing righteousness and making us more like Christ. We can trust our heavenly Father, embrace His work, and look for the fruit He's producing in us.

Read Hebrews 12:5-11 and discuss these questions (Bolded questions are kid-friendly):

1. What stood out to you in this passage and sermon, and why?
2. **Think about a time when a parent, teacher, or coach corrected you to help you grow. How is God's discipline even better, and what does it show about His relationship with His people?**
3. **When something hard happens, what is one question you could ask God besides, "Why is this happening?" What might God be teaching you through discipline?**
4. How does our culture tend to view discipline? How does that compare with the biblical purpose of discipline?
5. Think of a time when you experienced God's discipline. How did you recognize it, how did you respond, and what fruit did God produce in your faith?
6. **Which phrase from this passage could encourage you when God is helping you grow through discipline?**

Pray with one another. Spend time praying for one another, our community, and our world. Start by asking, "How can we pray for you?" Then consider these requests:

- To trust that God is forming us in the midst of discipline.
- That people who experience God's discipline would draw near to Him.

Consider singing "[10,000 Reasons \(Bless the Lord\)](#)" together after you pray.