



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

Now Run! (Hebrews 12:14)

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Sermon Summary: We know the Christian life is an endurance race. In Hebrews 12, we now turn our attention to what it means to keep running. The author tells us that running with endurance requires striving, an intentional pursuit. And what do we strive for? We strive for peace with everyone and for holiness.

Read Hebrews 12:1-14 and discuss these questions (Bolded questions are kid-friendly):

- 1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this Bible passage or sermon, and why? Is it ever hard to get along with some people? Why or why not?**
2. How far should Christians go in trying to resolve conflict? What is the difference between striving for peace and living in a restored relationship? What might striving for peace look like with someone who is not willing to restore the relationship? Why do people often want the other person to make the first move, and how can the gospel shape the way we respond when someone sins against us?
3. In what ways should believers strive for holiness? Pastor Peter explained that "holiness" here does not refer to justification (God declaring us holy because of Jesus' work) but to sanctification (God making us holy as we look to Jesus and live by faith in his work). Why does this difference matter? Does this kind of holiness describe your life right now? What roadblocks might be making it difficult to strive for holiness?
- 4. Sometimes the last part of a race is the hardest. Christians can keep going because, by grace, we will one day "see the Lord." When following Jesus feels hard or tiring, how can looking to him help you keep running? What is one step you can take this week to pursue peace with others and grow in holiness?**

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:

- That we would depend on the Spirit to help us strive for peace with everyone.
- That our church would strive for holiness and look with confidence to the Lord.

Consider singing "[Christ Our Hope in Life and Death](#)" together after you pray.