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RECAP

This week we conclude our series "Know What You're FOR." Now that we've established God is FOR us and FOR others, especially the lost—this week we explore the practical implication of what that means for the Church and our church in Fair Oaks. **How can we be FOR our community?**

ICEBREAKER QUESTION: What sport would you compete in if you were in the Olympics?

DISCUSS

KEY PASSAGE: Hebrews 12:1-3 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"

Mark 16:15 "He [Jesus] said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 12:1b-3 And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith... Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

1. How can we keep our focus fixed on Jesus as individuals and as a collective church body this year? What can we do to remember our mission and the WHY behind that mission?
2. How is our church making our community better? How can you be a contributor and active participant in that?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:15. How has this verse impacted your life and your approach to sharing your faith with others? How can Pastor Josh's message help prepare you with an answer?
4. When people in our community think of Fair Oaks Church, what do you want us to be known for? What action can you take this week to move toward communicating this message?

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

We've spent the last 3 weeks introducing the vision of being FOR others, but this isn't the end! Expect more in the coming months as we implement this over time! You can start by adopting the FOR language, paying attention to those in our community and look for opportunities to share this message with them. We hope you got a FOR bumper magnet and will take the "pay it backwards" challenge this week! Be FOR someone by paying for the person behind you in the drive-thru. Be open to what you can do to show those who are far from God and far from church that Jesus is actually FOR them. Try it and share your stories and experiences with us at info@fairoaks.church. We'd love to hear how God is already at work!

