

FAITHFUL THROUGH GENERATIONS

When You Feel Like Giving Up
Small Group Questions

1 *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,* ***2*** *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.* ***3*** *Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV

1. What are some things that cause people to grow weary in their faith today? What makes it difficult to remain faithful to the race set before you over the long haul?

2. The writer of Hebrews remind us we're surrounded by a great cloud of witness'. Who are some people whose faithfulness has helped shape your own faith?

3. Why do you think remembering the faith of others is important when we're struggling with our own?

4. What's the difference between a weight that hinders and a sin that entangles us?

5. How can these weights and sin prevent us from running the race faithfully?

6. The Christian life in this passage is described as a race requiring endurance. Why do you think God calls us to endure rather than promising that the road will always be easy?

7. What would it change if we fixed our eyes on Jesus rather than simply trying harder?