

Group Chat

SUMMARY

Faithful Endurance

God does not merely begin the salvation of his people. He brings them safely to glory. Christians persevere in faith and obedience because God preserves them through his promises, warnings, discipline, and ongoing work in their lives. Christian endurance is therefore marked by both active faithfulness and humble dependence on God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read John 6:37-40 and Philippians 1:6. According to these passages Christians persevere in Christ to the end because God preserves them. **How** do you think God preserves us? What is he **doing** to preserve us?
2. Read Hebrews 12:5-11. We often think of God preserving Christians through comforting promises. According to this passage, how can unpleasant things like warnings, correction, and discipline also be expressions of God's preserving grace? How have you experienced that kind of grace?
3. Read Romans 8:16-18 and 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. Perseverance is the road to glory. Romans 8 says that the pains of the Christian life are incomparably small compared to the greatness of the coming glories, and 2 Corinthians 4 says that these momentary afflictions are actually *preparing* that glory for us.

Are you prone to lose heart in the midst of afflictions (1 Cor. 4:16)? If that is an indication that you are primarily looking to the things that are "seen," what does it practically mean to look to the things that are "unseen" (1 Cor. 4:18)?

