

Hebrews (Sept. 6 to Nov. 8: One Book. Three Series)

In Hebrews, we see three major — and continual — themes. First, Jesus Christ is greater than any angel, priest, or old covenant practice. Second, Christians must not forsake the great salvation that Jesus has brought about. And third, believers must hold on by faith to the true rest found in Christ, and must encourage others in the church to do the same.

Group Discussion

Main Text:

Hebrews 12:1-13, Hebrews 12:27-28

Getting started: If you could only rescue one thing from your home (besides people), what would you choose and why?

- 1. Have you ever found it difficult to be a Christian or to continue being a Christian? How did/do you hold onto your faith?
- 2. Read Hebrews 12:1. Weights are anything you're carrying that aren't necessary. They're not necessarily sins, but they hinder the mission. What are some examples of these kinds of weights? What weights do you need to lay down to run the race God has for you?
- 3. Sins are things we know are wrong, but we don't want to give them up. Are there any sins you need to drag into the light and repent of?
- 4. Read Hebrews 12:2-3. Because of you, Jesus sacrificed himself with joy. What sacrifices do you make for Jesus? What sacrifices do you make for others? Do you have joy when you make these sacrifices?

- 5. Read Hebrews 12:5-7. What is the difference between punishment, consequences, and discipline?
- 6. Read Hebrews 12:11. Why is discipline necessary for our growth? When have you experienced discipline in your life? Did it produce growth?

Next Steps

Tim Keller said, "Many of us have the voice and words of Jesus on audio, but we have our future well being and desires on video."

Do you have your eyes fixed on Jesus, or are your eyes fixed on other things?

How can you place your attention on Jesus this week?



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