

Who is Jesus? | to know him is to love him

Forerunner

Hebrews 12:1-12 & 6:20
November 19, 2017

Review: Were you able to use anything you learned from ch.11:32-39 last week?

Stewardship Emphasis for November: Forerunner: Evaluate your life from the finish line. What are the stewardship implications of evaluating your life from the finish line?

Introduction: “Do you love me?” It’s the question at the heart of life. Jesus asked it. For Jesus the story of our lives is the story of our loves. So what do we love most? And what is most worthy of our love? Those who first knew him and saw him risen from the dead became convinced that the answer must be: Jesus. They knew how much he loved them, and they loved him. Their lives and their world were transformed by that love. But how can we love him today? How can our hearts be awakened and reshaped by love for him? We begin by getting to know him. To know him is to love him. The New Testament epistle to the Hebrews has been called “the fifth gospel” because it presents rich images of Jesus not on earth but in his ongoing heavenly ministry. These images not only tell us what he does but – who he is. It’s good news that gives us great hope and rekindles our affections for so great a Savior.

This week we learn about the importance of the Father’s discipline in our lives.

Pray: LORD, Jesus, we pray that we may learn more about “running the race”. Open our minds and hearts to hear your word to us. Amen.

Read: Hebrews 12:1-12 & 6:20

Discussion:

1. What is the significance of the “great cloud of witnesses” in your life?
2. What does the text say is a help to us in “throwing off every thing that hinders and the sin that so entangles”?

How can we remember to do this?

3. Are verses 5-8 a welcome help in your life? Or do you tend to pass over them?
If a help-how?

4. The text indicates that Jesus has endured discipline as a forerunner on our behalf through the shedding of blood. How does this help us as we endure hardship?

What concrete examples can you share from your own life?

5. Verse 11 says that discipline produces a harvest of righteousness and peace. Do you have any examples in your own life?

6. Verse 6:20 says, “where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

What is significant about our “forerunner” becoming a “high priest”?

Application: Reflect on any hardship/discipline you are experiencing – have you seen any “harvest” to date?

Pray: Lord, teach us to respect your discipline. Amen