



Main Scripture: Hebrews 12:14-17

Encouragements

Live at peace (humility) - v 14
(Phil 2:1-5)

Be holy (surrender) - v 14
(Ps 14:2-3, Rom 3:10-12)

Warnings

Don't fall short (perseverance) - v 15

Resist bitterness (forgiveness) - v 15

Avoid sexual immorality (integrity) - v 16

Don't be impulsive (lordship) - v 16-17

Lordship Prayer

Lord Jesus, I confess that I have sinned and I acknowledge my need for You. Thank You for dying on the cross for me and I accept You as my Saviour, my Redeemer, my Deliverer and my Lord.

I choose to surrender to You and I invite You now to be Lord of every area of my life:

- Lord of my spirit and my relationship with You
- Lord of my mind, my beliefs and all of my thoughts
- Lord of my emotions, my attitudes and all my reactions
- Lord of my will and all my decisions
- Lord of my body, my health and all my behaviour
- Lord of my eyes and upon that which I look
- Lord of my ears and to everything that I listen
- Lord of my mouth and what I speak
- Lord of my hands and all that I do
- Lord of my feet and everywhere I go
- Lord of my sexuality, my pleasure and my recreation
- Lord of my time, my work and my ministry
- Lord of my home, my family and all my relationships
- Lord of my possessions, my finances and my future

Thank You that Your blood was shed that I might be set free. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit who enables me to walk in Your power. Please cleanse me by Your shed blood and fill me with Your Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' name, amen.

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Small Group Sermon Study

Hebrews 12:14-16

Prayer: Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, we invite you to come now. Speak to us, teach us, and transform us as we read, discuss, and reflect on Your word. Amen.

Icebreaker:

- As a kid, would you have chosen to eat liver and onions, or would you have gone hungry for a meal?

Read Hebrews 12:14-16 together. From these Scriptures and notes from listening to the sermon, discuss the following:

- Take a minute and then share any words, thoughts, or pictures that these verses bring to mind. Are there any that connect to Pastor Greg’s message on considering our choices?
- Pastor Greg mentions that living at peace with others involves humility, considering others above ourselves. How could we practice this in our relationships, work, or everyday conversations?

Personal Reflection:

- Hebrews 12:14 exhorts us as believers to be holy. This means we both surrender our striving and rest in the salvation that Jesus has won for us; then we surrender daily to the transformation through the work of the Holy Spirit, as the Spirit helps us live into the new identity and life we have been given.
 - What does it mean to surrender and rest in salvation through Jesus? How do you practice this?
 - What does it mean to surrender daily to the transforming work of the Spirit? What are some ways to invite Him to work in and through you this week?
- Where is your relationship with God right now? Is there anything (i.e., lack of desire, bitterness, sexual immorality, or impulsivity/idolatry) that you need to bring to Him so that you might draw closer to Him today (1 John 1:9)?
- What is one practice you can start, and one practice you can stop this week to persevere in trusting God more?

Prayer: *Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts, transform our minds, and confirm our wills to Yours. And kindle in us the fire of Your love – a love for You, for Your Word, and for all those You place in our paths. Lord, by Your light You teach us and expose all that we are called to surrender. Help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in Your process of transformation and renewal, in and through us. Amen.*