



Small Group Questions
The Great Race, Part 4

Icebreaker:

If you could snap your fingers and be an Olympic-caliber athlete in the event of your choice, what event would you choose?

Tell us about a time in your life when you had to persevere to meet a goal – what helped you keep going?

Discussion Questions:

1. Review: Read Hebrews 12:1-3. Why might the believers in the early church need such encouragement?
2. What are some of the reasons Christians today might grow weary and lose heart as they run the race of faith?
3. In 12:1, the author describes the “great cloud of witnesses” surrounding us as we run the race. Who is someone in the Bible or in your life whose story of faith inspires you to keep trusting Jesus?
4. We are told to “throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.” What is the difference between hindrances and sin?

What are some examples of things that are good in themselves, but that can slow us down in the race?

5. What things about Jesus are highlighted in 12:2-3?

How does “fixing our eyes on Jesus” and “considering Jesus” help us persevere?

6. During this COVID season, what is something that has caused you to feel weary or begin to lose heart?

How might your small group encourage and help you as you persevere?