

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Hebrews: "Greater"

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Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:1-2a NIV

Long ago in many ways and at many times God's prophets spoke his message to our ancestors. But now at last, God sent his Son to bring his message to us.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: We endure hardships and suffering because Jesus is our better prize.

Read Hebrews 12:1-3

1. Who are the "great cloud of witnesses" surrounding us? In what ways have you seen the "great cloud of witnesses" in your own life? How have others' faith journeys inspired or challenged you?
2. What are some "weights" or distractions in your life that might be hindering your spiritual growth or ability to run the race marked out for you? Is this something you have had a habitual issue with? How can you start to lay these aside?
3. How do you personally "fix your eyes on Jesus" in the midst of life's challenges and distractions? Are there practices or habits that help you stay focused on Him? How does focusing on Him help us overcome temptation and doubt?



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4. What does it look like for you to “run with perseverance?” Can you share a time when you felt like giving up but chose to keep going in your faith journey? How can you encourage someone else who may be struggling in their race of faith?

Read Hebrews 12:4-13

5. How is the metaphor of God being like a parent who disciplines His children helpful to your understanding of who God is? Have you ever blamed God or been upset with Him about circumstances in your life? How can we find joy and peace in the midst of God's discipline?
6. Discipline is expressed as a form of training that, when yielded to, produces a harvest. In what ways have seasons of difficulty grown you? How can these training opportunities help us to be more empathetic with others?

Read Hebrews 12:14-17

7. What does striving for "peace with everyone" look like in challenging relationships? What are some "bitter roots" that might be growing in your heart? How can you identify and address them before they cause harm to yourself or others?

Read Hebrews 12:18-29

8. How does understanding God’s unshakable kingdom affect the way you view earthly challenges and temporary struggles? In what ways have you experienced God’s unshakable presence in your life, especially during times of uncertainty or challenge?



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