"Final Instructions" Summer Series 2

Week 3 HPC @ Home Guide

Scripture: Hebrews 12:18-29

Big Question: How do we identify the essentials of our life & separate the temporary from the eternal?

Take some time to share:

- One thing that you are thankful for this week.
- One thing you need.
- How can the group help?

Bible Discussion: Read Hebrews 12:18-29

- What about this passage stands out to you as you read?
- Is it difficult to think of God in terms of destruction...as this passage indicates?
- Are there benefits to this type of destruction?
- What does it mean to think of God as a "consuming fire"?

Application:

This passage refers to a God who shakes things up...literally. It says that he will shake the world and the heavens leaving on that which "cannot be shaken." Think of this in the same vein as panning for Gold...the sand and grift is sifted away leaving on the most valuable gems.

- Consider your life, if things were shaken up...what would be left behind and what would fall away?
- Which of these things are you devoting most of your time and energy towards?
- If you are spending too much time on the things that would be sifted away, how can you refocus your energies on the more eternal aspects of your life?
- If God is a "consuming fire," then this process may not be easy. New growth & longevity can sometimes require sacrifice...that can "burn." Consider what you are willing to endure to be true to the Kingdom of God?

CHALLENGE: Take a mental inventory this week of where your time & energy are devoted. Remove one unnecessary distraction & redirect your attention towards something that is life-giving & eternal.