
small group: If this is the position and role that we hold within the great redemptive plan that God has for us, how should we respond? How should we go about living our lives if we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. *Hebrews 11:1 defines faith as “confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” What are we confidently hoping for and assured of, even though we do not see it?*
2. Why is it so important that we view the men and women listed in Hebrews 11 as family, brothers and sisters in the faith, rather than just distant heroes?
3. When you face hardship, how does remembering the faith of those in Hebrews 11 help you respond differently?

READ: Hebrews 12:1-3

4. The author uses the analogy of a race to help us better understand our lives devoted to Christ. How is our faith like that of a race, as the author of Hebrews points out?
5. Vs 1: We are told to “throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles” as we run our race. No runner would want anything unnecessarily weighing them down during a race. Few would argue against the truth that sin easily entangles us. But we are also commanded to throw off “everything that hinders”, meaning there are some things that can hinder or slow us down in our faith that are not black and white, sinful actions. What are some of those things?
6. What does it mean to fix your eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of your faith?

PRAYER TIME

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