



GOD OF CREATION

Divine Discipline

The Old Testament is filled with stories of faith, hope, triumph and healing. In this series, we will look to the Old Testament for stories of healing that can bring hope and encouragement to us in our faith walk with Christ.

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Circle Time: Share a time that you had to really dig deep to persevere through something.
 - What made it so hard?
 - What was it that got you through it?
 - How did you feel once you got through it?
- Read Hebrews 12:1-3
 - This is a very well known piece of scripture. How have you applied this in your life?
 - The author of Hebrews points out that there are two things people must throw off for a successful race. What are they?
 - In real life, what hinders us from running the race of faith? In other words, what is the weight that holds us down?
 - What do you think he means by "the sin that so easily entangles us?" Specifically what is it that entangles us?
 - What is the prize set before us? How do we get to the finish line?
- Read Hebrews 12:4-12
 - Is discipline the same thing as punishment?
 - What do you think it means that God disciplines us as his sons? How have you seen that happen in your life?
 - Why do you think God was giving Jeroboam a warning? Why not just let Jeroboam demise play out?
 - What do you think is the difference between God disciplining us and us experiencing the consequences of our own decision? Or are they one in the same?
 - Compare and contrast the discipline of earthly fathers and the discipline of our Heavenly Father.
 - What do you think is the purpose of God's discipline?
- How has God's discipline helped you to run the race?