

Living Up to Our Inheritance

Hebrews 12:12-29

**Our great inheritance in Christ requires
that we steward our lives well.**

1. We have an amazing inheritance in Christ.
2. It motivates us to live honorably before people and God.
3. Turning away from it has dire consequences.

Discussion Questions

1. Most people would likely be glad to be an heir to a major family business or fortune. But are there any potential downsides to knowing that, someday, a fortune is coming your way? If so, name a few.
2. 12:18-24 contrasts two mountains. What do each of these mountains symbolize?

3. Read the description of Mt. Sinai in 12:18-21. What is this mountain characterized by?
4. Read the description of Mt. Zion in 12:22-24. What is this mountain characterized by?
5. Do most Christians think that they “have it good” in Christ? For those Christians who doubt that they have it good in Christ, what might they point to? Conversely, for those who believe they have it good in Christ, what might they point to? Which side carries more weight, and why?
6. In verse 14, the Hebrews are commanded to strive for peace and holiness. What does it mean to strive (pursue, chase) something? What is something you strive for, and how do you strive for it?
7. List some practical steps of what might be involved in striving for peace with someone. What might it look like? Does your striving guarantee success?
8. As Christians, we are all sanctified/made holy as part of our salvation. Is this process of becoming holy passive or active on our part? Use scripture to back up your case.
9. Do you think of striving for peace and holiness primarily as a personal activity or a communal activity? How can we help one another pursue peace and holiness?
10. There are repeated warnings in this passage (verses 13, 16-17, 25-29). Speculate: why does the author include these warnings?
11. Verse 29 says that God is a consuming fire. What does this mean? What’s the trickle-down effect in our lives as we consider this aspect of God’s character?