

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

Hebrews 12:1-2

1. Who has been your greatest Christian encourager? How has that person helped you to live for Jesus? How do you encourage others to live faithful lives today?
2. When we see *therefore* in the Bible, we should always ask, "What is it there for?" What is the purpose of *therefore* in Hebrews 12:1? How does chapter 11 impact chapter 12?
3. Endurance has been a repeated topic in the book of Hebrews. Why did the readers of Hebrews need to be encouraged to endure?
4. Read Hebrews 12:1 and Ephesians 4:20-24. What are the things in your life that could hinder your endurance? What steps do you need to take to rid yourself of the "weight" and "sin" that hamper your Christian walk?
5. On Sunday, Pastor Craig urged you to run your *own* race. How might your Christian journey be different from someone else's? What gives you hope to endure when your race is difficult?
6. Read Philippians 2:5-11. We should look to Jesus as encouragement to endure but also as a model for how to live the Christian life. What are the characteristics of Jesus that stand out in Philippians 2?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Hebrews 12:1. Discuss how you can encourage each other to serve Jesus faithfully.