

Hebrews 12

Questions for Small Groups

1. In what way is Christ our great example amidst hardship and hostility (vv. 3-6)?
2. What picture from family life does the author present to change their perspective (and ours)?
3. Why is this picture tough to relate to for some people today?
4. The author urges them to take action to strengthen their weakening faith (vv. 12-13). Why is his depiction of their spiritual posture as droopy and lame dangerous for their faith (vv. 12-13)?
5. Do we sometimes carry ourselves in this way? How does this posture affect our confidence in Christ and witness for him?
6. The author wants to guard against them becoming too self-absorbed and urges them to be positive examples and to look out for the spiritual wellbeing of others too. Discuss the four practical examples he gives (vv. 14-17).
7. The author contrasts the amazing encounter the Exodus generation had with God with what believers now have in Christ to show that things are far better (“superior”) now that Christ has come. What was special about the Exodus generation’s experience (vv. 18-21)?
8. Compare locations (Mt Zion vs. Mt. Sinai) and note all who are present (vv. 22-24). How is it better for believers because of the new covenant Christ inaugurated by his sacrificial death?
9. There is a warning and a promise in versus 25-27. Why do you think the author ties these two things together?
10. In closing, reflect on what are we will receive from God and how we should respond (vv. 28-29).