



Discussion Questions • Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV)

1. Why is it so hard to accept your race as your race?
 - a. Why do we spend so much time comparing our circumstances to others' circumstances?
 - b. What effect can this have on persevering in the race? (Hb 12:1)

2. Using the categories of people below, describe the aspects/details of their faithfulness that help and encourage you:
 - a. Who are some of your favourite Bible characters because of how they have been an encouragement to you due to their faithfulness and perseverance in running the race?
 - b. Who are some of the faithful Christians you know who have been an encouragement to you due to their faithfulness and perseverance in running the race?
 - c. **OPTIONAL** *(If your group has been together long enough to know each other fairly well, ask the following question. If the group is very new, you may skip this question.)*
How has the faithful living of people in this Community Group encouraged you?

3. What are some of the things that hinder us in the race (Hb 12:1)?
 - a. How might we identify them and 'throw them off'?

4. Why is Jesus (with 'the joy set before him, he endured the cross' [Hb 12:2]) the key example to focus on as we run the race of faith?
 - a. How was his race unique? And uniquely beneficial to us?

5. How does 'fixing our eyes on Jesus' (Hb 12:2) allow us to properly view the race, the witnesses, the hindrance, and the sin?
 - a. If Jesus was not the focus of our race, what would it look like for Christians to try to run the race?

OPTIONAL: Based on our discussion, what is one thing you are willing to apply in your life for the coming week?

Wrap Up and Prayer; From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Pray for each other along with other requests.