



## HEBREWS CHAPTER 12 (FACILITATOR)

### **Discussion Starter**

- Do you typically get excited or frustrated with challenges?
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- Opening Prayer
- Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

### **Tell the Story**

- PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

### **Read the Story (Hebrews 12:1-29)**

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

### **Breaking it Down**

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

### **Hebrews 12:1-4**

- Why is it important to understand that the great cloud of witnesses that the Hebrew writer is speaking about aren't just passive spectators watching over us and the decisions that we make?
  - It is important to understand this because the great cloud of witnesses are those men and women that were spoken about in chapter 11 who chose to have a faith that was vibrant and active although imperfect. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to have the same type of faith, one that is vibrant, alive, and active.

- Who is someone that you look up to because of their vibrant faith?  
How would you characterize this person?
  - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
  
- Would you characterize yourself as an easily distracted individual? Why or why not?
  - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
  - In what ways or areas of your life do you need to allow God to grow you up to look more like Him?
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- Why is a relationship/walk with Jesus characterized as a race?
  - We get our English word “agony” from this Greek word that is translated as “race.” A relationship/walk with Jesus is characterized as a race because it is labor intensive. While it is so worth it, walking with Jesus is littered with daily obstacles and distractions. It is messy. It can be grueling. It has many ups, downs, and everything in between.
  - In what ways do you need to more fully put work into your relationship with God rather than just expecting it to be easy?
    - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
  
- Is the Hebrew writer challenging or complimenting the disciples of Jesus in verse 4 and why is this important to understand?
  - The Hebrew writer is challenging the disciples of Jesus because he is letting them know that Jesus poured out absolutely everything (His physical blood) to honor God and that none of them had come to that point yet. This is important to understand because we can frequently feel bad for or sorry for ourselves because of circumstances and choose to focus on those circumstances rather than the example of Jesus.

### Hebrews 12:5-13

□ In what ways would you say that God is currently disciplining you? What is uncomfortable about this discipline? How are you embracing this discipline?

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### Hebrews 12:14-17

□ How are you pouring into other people in ways that motivate and inspire them to continue to or start walking with Jesus despite obstacles and distractions? How are you allowing people to pour into you in ways that motivate and inspire you to continue to walk with Jesus despite obstacles and distractions?

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### Hebrews 12:18-29

□ Why is the Hebrew writer referencing Old Testament stories in verses 18-21 regarding God's interactions with His people?

- The Hebrew writer desires that his audience understand that Jesus has made it possible for humanity to approach God and live in relationship with God with both boldness and confidence, not because of who they are but because of who God is.

- In what ways do you need to run into the more than capable arms of Jesus rather than running into what feels the most comfortable or normal to you?

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- Is there anything that the blood of Jesus has forgiven you of that you struggle to forgive yourself of? What can you do about this?

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□ Why does the Hebrew writer say that disciples of Jesus are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken?

- In God's kingdom, there is stability, and a refuge and God's kingdom will not be stopped by anything or anyone.

- How do you think disciples of Jesus are called to live in light of receiving this unshakeable kingdom? See Philippians 2:1-8 to refer to the example of Jesus in how He lived as the leader of this unshakeable kingdom.
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### **Final Application**

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

### **Closing & Prayer Requests**

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Hebrews Chapter 13)



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