

LIFEGROUP

FAITH STUDY

WARMING UP

1. Share with the group a time you were disciplined as a young child (or when you had to discipline your own child.) Share what happened, how you felt, and what you gained from it? Do you think those methods helped? Why or why not?
2. When was the last time someone seriously corrected you or gave you constructive feedback/criticism? What happened? How did you feel? Do you think it was helpful or not and why?

READ HEBREWS 12:1-17

3. Why are we encouraged to look to Jesus when we are enduring hardship? How is this helpful?
4. What are some of your natural tendencies that occur when faced with hardships and struggles? Why is this so?
5. What does it mean to be surrounded by a cloud of witnesses?
6. Is there a particular verse in the passage that you think shouts out to you personally, about persevering? What do you think God is saying to you about perseverance?
7. What does the passage tell us about holiness? Why?

SHARING

8. We all get faced with difficult situations, either at home, in our relationships with others, family, friends or others. Or situations happen in the workplace, or in our schools. Are you currently in a situation that feels hopeless? Feel free to share with the group if you would like to.
9. God puts us in situations to correct and train us. After all, we are his sons and daughters, if we aren't disciplined, we'd be illegitimate children (v.8). It can be difficult to go through, but all training and correction is necessary. What corrections do you think God is currently making in your life right now?
10. What areas of your life do you need God's help to strengthen in holiness?
Is it your relationship with others? Your attitude? The way you speak to someone? Or your thoughts or what you do with your time when nobody is looking?

MOVING FORWARD

Spend some time praying with one another, bringing to God the things shared, surrendering any struggles and difficulties. Spend some time during the prayer recounting some promises God has given us, through which we have hope. Pray for one another regarding the correction and seeking God for holiness in the areas that need it.