

For Our Good

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Hebrews 12:1-13

A Strange Thing ...

Suffering SOMETIMES has Good Results

Who We Follow

Our Pioneer

Jesus the model

He endured suffering – Incarnation and Cross

Where We Live

Sin

Jesus' suffering because of sin – Ours is too

Defining

Usually too small! – God's partners in world

Struggle against sin (4) – Battle Zone

In us; Around us; Cosmic

Where We Are Going

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Joy set before him – 'endure' vs aim

Father – training

Share his holiness – Like the one we follow

Harvest – end of a process

Short Term vs Long Term

Sustained in present ... By seeing what God is up to

Keep Going!

God's Goodness

An angle of vision – a side of God

Keep Going!

Opening and Closing

Small Group Guide

Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

Tell us about a time when a hard thing had a good result.

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

Read Passage

Read this passage: Hebrews 12:1-13

Discuss a few of these questions:

This passage opens with an image of Christians running a race. How should they run?

What is the author trying to say about 'discipline' (5-11) or 'training'? What is the desired outcome of discipline?

How easy or hard is it for you to picture God as a Father? How is he like our human fathers? How is he different?

What dangers is the author warning about? How real are these dangers in your life now?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other. You may want to share specific requests.