

Run!

Sunday November 15, 2009

Heb 12:1-13

Two pictures

A Race, A Father Training His Child

The Point

Endurance, Perseverance, Keep At It

Race – Marathon rather than a Sprint

Discipline – Painful at time, worth it in the end

Jesus – Endured Cross for Joy set before Him

The Finish Line

Share in His Holiness; Harvest of Righteousness and Peace

Barriers

Weights – anything that impedes progress

Sin – trip and fall, Struggle against sin

Hardships – Endure Hardships as Discipline

You are Not Alone

Crowd of Witnesses – Cheered On by Heroes of Faith

Example of Jesus – He has Gone Ahead of Us

God as Father – You Have a Father

- *Discipline* – Responses to Discipline
- *Father* – Images of God

Others Coming Behind – You Can Help Others Run Too

So What?

- You Have a Father
- It Matters What you Look At
- What is Holding You Back?
- You are in Training
- Keep Connected
- Keep On! It will be Worth It!

Advent Bible Listening Groups

The Christmas season is often incredibly busy! But we know deep within us that there should be more to Christmas than rushing around, buying things and attending parties. These things are all great – but Christmas is ultimately about Jesus. We need help to remember this rightly!

Here is one thing that could help centre your Christmas season. Consider joining a Bible Listening Group for the weeks leading up to Christmas. These groups meet for one hour a week, and provide a guided time of small group Bible interaction. For the Christmas season we will focus on passages from three of the gospels about the birth of Christ.

Speak with Pastor John if you would like to join a group for Advent this year.

Advent 2009

The Week	The Sunday	The Passage
Nov 23-28	Sunday Nov 29	Matt 1:18-25
Nov 30 – Dec 5	Sunday Dec 6	Luke 2:1-20
Dec 7-12	Sunday Dec 13	John 1:1-18