

Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion

Getting Started

1. Your life is a marathon. As you run this race, what encourages you to finish well? What discourages you from continuing on?

2. What one point sticks out in your mind from last week's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. We are encouraged to lay aside excess weight. The image is of a runner taking off bulky clothes before a race. There are many things that might be ok for one person but a distraction to another person (i.e. TV, golf, trips, etc.). What things can be distractions in your Christian race?

4. What makes these particular things distractions to you?

5. What are you doing to lay them aside?

6. We are also told to lay aside sin. The picture is that it clings to us and trips us when we are trying to run. What one sin causes you to trip up more than any other?

7. Why is this sin so tempting to you?

8. What are you doing to lay it aside?

9. We are told to run with endurance. Endurance involves the discipline of taking another step even when you want to stop. What spiritual disciplines help you to maintain your endurance?

10. Are there any spiritual disciplines you need to add (or improve) in your life? What would it take to do that?

11. As we run the race, we are to look at Jesus. What does it look like to have your gaze be constantly on Jesus? How well do you do this?

12. The sixth mindset we considered was looking at Jesus. On a scale of 1-10 (10 being highest), how true is this mindset in your life? Based on the sermon and your study this week, what is one way you can move up some on this scale?

13. A key purpose of our Fellowship Groups is to provide accountability. To help with that, discuss the following questions:

- Have you been making it a regular priority to attend a Sunday morning worship service?
- Have you been faithful in making Fellowship Group attendance a top priority?
- Are you praying regularly for the members of your Fellowship Group?
- Are you caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in your Fellowship Group?
- Are you taking steps to become more transparent with your Fellowship Group?
- Are you serving regularly in one area of ministry, preferably in your area of giftedness?
- Are you maintaining your Oikos list?
- Are you praying regularly for your Oikos list?
- What have you done this last week to reveal God to at least one member of your Oikos?



Living A Life Of Faith Part 8: Look at Jesus

Hebrews 12:1-2
Pastor Chris Inman
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Run the Race Before You

I. Background: A Cloud of Witnesses

II. How Do I Run The Race Successfully?

A. Lay Aside Hindrances

1. Unnecessary Distractions

2. Clinging Sin

B. Run With Endurance

C. Look at Jesus