

Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion

Getting Started

1. Think of a time in your past when God disciplined you and you did not like it at the time but you are now grateful for it. Describe that time. Why were you disappointed? Why are you now grateful?

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

Going Deeper

3. Read Hebrews 12:3-11. Why is it essential for a parent to discipline their children?

4. When a parent disciplines their children,
 - what does it initially communicate to those children?

 - what does it ultimately communicate to those children?

5. If a parent chooses not to discipline their children
 - what does it initially communicate to those children?

 - what does it ultimately communicate to those children?

6. For each passage below, list the positive results that come from God's discipline communicated through difficult times:
 - Romans 5:3-5

 - James 1:3-4

 - 1 Corinthians 11:27-34

7. Have you ever seen any of these positive benefits in your life as a result of God's discipline? Explain.

8. What God disciplines you, what is your initial reaction?

9. When God disciplines you, what should this be communicating to you?

10. What responses can you have to God's discipline so that you will not waste that opportunity?

11. 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?

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A Life of Faith
Part 9: Dad's Discipline
Hebrews 12:3-11
Pastor Chris Inman
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I. Reality: Pain & Difficulty Accompany This Life

- A. Yet Jesus Faced More
- B. Yet It Could Be Worse

II. Two Attitudes Can Waste Pain & Difficulty

- A. Indifference
- B. Worry

III. Comforting Truths About Discipline

- A. Discipline Demonstrates That You Are A Child
- B. Discipline Demonstrates That You Are Loved

IV. Benefits of Discipline

- A. Three Types of Discipline
 1. Corrective
 2. Preventive
 3. Educational
- B. Results of Discipline
 1. Respect
 2. Sanctification
 3. Life-Changing Fruit

V. Proper Response to Discipline: Be Trained By It