

111118 Growth Group Study



1. Discussion around most recent sermon:

- a. **Date:** 11/11/18
- b. **Series:** Guest Speaker
- c. **Title:** “**The Race Marked Out for You**”
- d. **Preacher:** Carolyn Hindmarsh
- e. **Scripture Reading / Text:** **Hebrews 12:1-13 (NIV)**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

*“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
⁶because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”*

⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

g. Growth group questions from today’s sermon:

- 1. **How do you define faith?**
 - See Hebrews 11
- 2. **When life is hard, is it hard to have faith?**
- 3. **Perspective, pain, and perseverance are part of the race, what is weighing or slowing you down in your race today?**
- 4. **In this race, what or where is your main focus?**
- 5. **How is our good Father disciplining you?**

h. Reference Text/Books:

- N/A