

Listening Guide

Date: Sunday, August 9, 2015

Text: Hebrews 12:1-3

Series: Race to the Finish



Running the Race We Were “Re-born” to Run

Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Introduction

Today we will begin to learn how to run the race of the Christian life and discover the key to being strengthened to endure and finish strong.

1. **Run the Race!** (Hebrews 12:1)

a. What is needed to run: _____

b. What is intended to encourage: __ _____

c. What can distract us from running: _____

d. Whose race is it: _____

2. **Look to Jesus** (Hebrews 12:2-3)

a. The Founder of the faith

b. The Perfecter of the faith

3. **Application** (Hebrews 12:3)

a. Consider

i.

ii.

iii.

b. Why consider?

i.

ii.



Application Section

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Home Group Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Home groups meet weekly and will provide you an opportunity to review the message, and to apply it to your life personally. Also, thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the truths we are learning.

(Larger Group)

1. Was there any passage of scripture or statement in the message today that was particularly meaningful or applicable to you?

(Smaller Groups)

2. What is the Christian Race that we are to run? Based on the instructions of the Lord and other NT writers, what can we assume is included in this “race?”

3. What are some tangible and practical ways that we can “look to” and “consider” Jesus, in order to be encouraged and empowered to run this race?
 - a. How does the fact that He is the founder of our faith encourage us?
 - b. How does the fact that He is the perfecter (champion) of our faith empower us?

4. What is the relationship between faithful endurance (as a help) and sinful entanglements (as a hindrance) to our effort to run this race? What sin regularly hinders you as a follower of Christ?

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