

Listening Guide

Date: Sunday, August 30, 2015

Text: Hebrews 12:18-29

Series: Race to the Finish



Finishing the Race Well

James 1:12 – Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

Review:

- Run the Race we were “Re-born” to Run (Hebrews 12:1-3)
- Persecution: God’s “Re-formative” Training Plan (Hebrews 12:4-11)
- Context: Hebrews 10:32-34

Galatians 5:7-9

Sermon Idea: In today’s sermon the author concludes this section by giving the church *three exhortations* that are designed to help us finish well.

I. Be Encouraged (Hebrews 12:18-24)

INDICATIVE:

For you HAVE NOT come to Mt. _____

Exodus 19, Deuteronomy 4

But you HAVE come to Mt. _____

Roll Call:

Luke 10:20, Revelation 13:8

II. Be Warned (Hebrews 12:25-27)

IMPERATIVE:

Christians that Fall Away

1 Corinthians 3:13-15

False Converts

2 Corinthians 13:5

One Final “Shaking!”

2 Peter 3:11-13

III. Be Grateful (Hebrews 12:28-29)

IMPERATIVE:

For Receiving an Imperishable Kingdom

Psalm 40:16

By Offering Acceptable Worship

1 Peter 2:4-5

With Reverence & Awe

Because God is a Consuming Fire

The Unfaithful: _____

The Faithful: _____



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. How does the fact that we (regenerated believers) are running to Mt. Zion encourage you, especially in regards to the "Roll Call" given in Hebrews 12:22-24?
 - a. What can running toward "Mt. Sinai" look like for Christians who have gotten off course?

3. Why is it important that we “do not refuse Him who is speaking” when it comes to receiving the Christian race instructions given throughout Chapter 12?
 - a. Is there anyone here today that was convicted by the warning given in this passage?
 - b. As a group, pray for “Christians” that are in need of this warning for one reason or another.

4. According to Hebrews 12:28-29, why are we to be grateful to the Lord? What are some specific ways that we can obey this command in the course of our daily lives? Encourage one another along these lines.

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