



HEBREWS

The Race of Faith and the Discipline of the Lord

Hebrews 12:3-11

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3. _____ the Benefits of the Lord's discipline.

- The Lord disciplines us for our _____.
- The Lord disciplines us to grow our _____.
- The Lord disciplines us to make us _____ and _____ like Him.

4. _____ to the Lord's discipline.

- Don't _____.
- Don't _____.
- _____ discipline as part of your race of faith.

NEXT STEP: Applying God's Word Together

What suffering are you experiencing today? Take some time to see it in this new and different way, as the Lord's discipline. How might God be trying to shape and grow you? Is it working? Are you submitting to the Lord's discipline in your current suffering?

NEXT WEEK:

The Race of Faith and the Glorious Finish Line | Hebrews 12:12-29

Becoming a Christian changes the way we see everything. Hebrews 12:3-11 teaches us a new way to see and understand our suffering.

1. _____ suffering as the Lord's discipline.

- What others mean for _____, God uses for _____.
- The Lord's discipline is always _____, sometimes _____, but never _____.

2. _____ the heart of the Lord's discipline.

- Suffering/Discipline is a sign of the Father's _____.
- Suffering/Discipline is a sign of our _____.



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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Share some places in your life that require personal discipline. Where do you struggle with personal discipline? How disciplined a person are you?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read Hebrews 12:3-11 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? What did you learn? What were the takeaways?
2. Is your default mode of thinking about discipline negative or positive?
3. What's the difference between formative discipline, corrective discipline, and punitive discipline? Which is the author of Hebrews talking about here? Can you support your answer from the text?

4. Have you ever equated your suffering as the Lord's discipline?

5. How hard is it to see and trust the Father's love when you are suffering? How in the world do we learn to do that?

6. Workshopping the Next Step: Spend 3 minutes of quiet considering the questions of the Next Step. Then share some reflections with your group.

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Share and pray for your current suffering. Pray for eyes to see your suffering as the Lord's discipline.
- Ask Him to reveal what He's trying to grow in you.
- Pray for grace to endure your suffering as part of your race of faith.