

ENDURANCE

Hebrews 12:1-3

1. HOW WE ENDURE THE MOST PAINFUL PARTS OF LIFE IS A DECLARATION OF WHERE WE HAVE PLACED OUR HOPE
2. ENDURANCE IS A DECLARATION OF HOPE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Endurance is what allows you to look ahead to the finish line while facing the things that are in front of you right now—however painful they may be—and embracing them as part of the journey. On a scale of 1-5 how much endurance would you say you have? Who is someone you know that you would rate as a 5?
3. Where do you most need endurance right now? What has been the hardest part of the past four months? How can we pray for you?
4. Followers of Jesus have never held as a core belief that that bad things can't happen to good people. In fact, we believe the opposite; that the worst possible thing happened to the best possible person—JESUS. Why do you think many of us tend to have expectations that life should be easy? Where does that mindset come from? How can we have a realistic view of the struggle of life while still maintaining hope?
5. The issue underneath every issue is sin. What comes to your mind when you hear the word "sin"? What are some effects of sin you've seen on a personal level? What are some effects of sin you've seen on a global level?
6. Jesus is the ultimate answer to the ultimate issue and because of Jesus we can approach God with confidence. What would you say is your typical attitude toward God when you talk to Him? Why?
7. C. S. Lewis said, "If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world." What do you think of this idea? How does this quote relate to the idea of endurance?