



Joy Like Jesus

Community Group Discussion Guide

Open

What has been the most physically exhausting thing you have ever pursued/endured?

When you were going through it, what was your motivation to keep going?

On Sunday, we talked about what it means to have joy like Jesus as we persevere through difficulty and suffering. Tonight we will be discussing what it means to “run the race” of faith.

Reflect

Please take a moment and read Hebrews 12:1-4.

Who are the “great cloud of witnesses” that the writer mentions? What do we know about the lives of these men and women? (If you want a glimpse, look back at Hebrews 11.)

What race is it that we are running? Why does the writer make such an analogy?

What does it mean that Jesus is the “founder and perfecter of our faith?”

When Jesus endured the cross what was the “joy set before him” that he was striving for?

Apply

When you look at the joy that Jesus had as he endured the cross, what does this reveal to us about the heart of Jesus for us? How does this impact our faith?

In the running of the race of faith, what are some of the weights and sins that are slowing you down?

How does considering the “hostility” against Jesus help us to persevere in our faith?

How does both the promises and hardship of Jesus explain to us how to have joy like Jesus?

Close

The race of faith is filled with times of great joy, celebration, difficulty, and hardship. As you close, please take time to pray for perseverance for one another.