



Better (Hebrews)

Sermon Questions | 05.31.15

Opener

Read Hebrews 12:4-13. How have you thought about this passage in the past? Share the feelings and thoughts that come to mind as you just read it together.

Read

Hebrews 12:4-13,
Proverbs 3
Ephesians 6:4
2 Timothy 3:16
Hebrews 10:10 and 10:14
Daniel 3:16-18

Engaging with God in a Group

After reading Hebrews 12:4, how should a believer view hardship, suffering, and especially following Jesus? How can God allow such terrible things happen to his children? Why wouldn't he just eliminate suffering all together for his kids?

Reread Hebrews 12:5 and Proverbs 3:11. How can this be an encouragement for believers? Why doesn't God punish you because of your sin? God does not punish you because of your sin, what does this mean to you?

Read Hebrews 12:7. What does hardship mean for us? (See Ephesians 6:4 and 2 Timothy 3:16 for additional reference.) Is there a hardship in your past that you now realize was useful in your life for training?

Pete said, "Our goal is a lack of pain. God's goal is intimacy." How does this impact your view of pain in your life?

Engaging with God Alone

Is there a hardship in your past that you did not share with the group and that you now realize was useful in your life for training?

Hebrews 12:10 speaks of discipline as being good for us. It trains us so our behavior lines up more with who we are in our spirit: holy (Hebrews 10:10 and 10:14). Pain trains.

A question to ask ourselves when we're going through something is, "what does he want to teach me in this?"

Where are you in the training process? What might God be teaching you in your current season?

Closing thoughts and prayer

Pain trains, endure the pain. He loves you enough to keep you from not being satisfied with coping through life. He desires deeper intimacy with you. He desires for you to experience him in more areas of your life.

In closing, read Daniel 3:16-18 together.