

Hebrews Overview:

Author and Date: Unknown written around 64-66 A.D.

Original Audience: Jewish believers who were familiar with the Old Testament.

Occasion for writing: These believers had gone through a series of persecutions and were possibly considering going back to Judaism because it was a state sanctioned religion. The author presents his readers with the superiority of following Christ over the Old Covenant as defined by the sacrificial system of the Old Covenant. His challenge to the readers was to, Hebrews 3:1 “fix their thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.”

Open-up

In what area of your life do you need the most encouragement right now?

 **Into the Bible—Ask “What does it Say?”****Read: Hebrews 12:1-3**

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

Look at Hebrews 11. Who is the cloud that the author mentions? The author presents these people as witnesses. How is this different than a spectator?

What are we told to throw off? What does the author have in mind here? (see Ephesians 4:25, James 1:21, 1 Peter 2:1)

What does the author give as Jesus' pathway to victory? How and why are we supposed to consider Jesus?



Into my life—Ask “What does this look like in my personal life?”

Why do you think keeping our eyes focused on Jesus? What is trying to block your focus in life? Why?

Who are the people in your life who have encouraged you towards Jesus? Write down their names and share a story of why they encouraged you.

What was Jesus' finish line? From the statements below, how would you describe your finish line when it comes to following Jesus? Why? What race do you want to run? How can your group help you?

“I'm on a completely different track.”

“I'm on the same track but running backwards.”

“I'm running forwards, but not staying in my lane.”

“I'm...”

Other Application Questions:

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?



Into the World—Ask “what does this look like in my world?”

What are your current barriers to running towards Jesus in your work, home, school? (Pray for each other in this)

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That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness
for Jesus

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