



Dig Deeper @Home – “Jesus is...”

Complement to sermon on February 12, 2017 – “The Promise of God”

MEMORIZE – Hebrews 7: 24-25

But Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them

READ Hebrews 12

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?

2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

3. In verses 1-3, what 3 things does the author of Hebrews exhort us to do since "we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses"? Don't just write down what he says, write also one or two practical ways of doing these three things this week.

4. According to Hebrews 12, part of being a child of God is receiving and submitting to His discipline.
 - a. Why does God discipline his children? How are we to view God's discipline?

 - b. What does the author say it means if we do not experience discipline from God in our lives?

 - c. What is the author calling us to do in light of God's discipline? (hint: v12-13)

5. Verses 18-24 contrast two mountains. Which mountain do we come to as followers of Christ? How is this mountain described? (v22-24) What should our response be to this? (v25-29)

Bottom Line - Give a one or two sentence summary of Hebrews 12:

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of Hebrews 10. Feel free to use one of these or any you might come up with.

God's Chisel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhfUzodLRvk>

Watch this skit by "The Skit Guys." Reflect on this in your own life. Look back on your journey following Christ. What things have been chiseled out of your life by God? How was that turned out for you? What in your life still needs chiseled?(these are great things to ask those close to you to pray for) Are you resisting God's discipline in any area?

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

Savior, like a Shepherd lead Us - Mennonite Hymnal #572

Create in Me - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wveqWij0a_Y

Let this song be a prayer inviting God to make us "something beautiful."

Chisel Me - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kh5pKXLf_z4

A rap song (lyrics are shown) declaring the need for God's discipline in our lives

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen