

# The Race

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*Messages from the book of Hebrews...*

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*Hebrews 12:1-13*

Intro: Ultra Marathon Man – Inspiration or Something Else?!

The Starting Gun Has Been Raised....It's Time to Run!

Others Have Gone Before

But One Is GREATER than the rest....Fix Your Eyes On Him!

Even the Young Grow Weary....

Discipline – Key to Triumph

## Care Group Study Questions

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Hebrews 12

### History (Making It Personal)

1. Share your own perseverance story. When did you stick it out thru a REALLY difficult time – test – or trial? How did you feel?
2. Who has been an inspiration to you personally? Historical – military – political – athletic – scholarly – business personalities. What about their life inspires you?
3. Think of a time you placed yourself under a strict disciplinary program - physically, spiritually, financially, etc. What inspired your discipline? What helped? Could you have done it alone?

### Digging Deeper (Looking to the Bible)

4. Look back over the “cloud of witnesses” in Chapter 11. Who stands out to you? Who do you relate to? Who inspires? Who shocks? Why?
5. Lay off what hinders: Read Hebrews 12:1; Mark 4:18-19; 2 Timothy 2:1-7; & 1 Timothy 6:6-10 Most common hindrances? Can you relate? What have been yours?
6. I Corinthians 9:24-27 talks about the athlete's crown. Do we view spiritual disciplines differently than athletic? Why? Are you a spiritual bench-warmer/water-boy/spectator/or champion?
7. Eyes on Jesus!!! Take an extended period to read through the following passages – to reflect and be inspired by the Lord Jesus. Hebrews: 1:1-3; 2:9; 2:14-3:1; 4:14-15; 5:7-9; 7:23-27; 8:6; 9:14; 9:23-28; 10:19-23; & 12:2. Why is it so critical for us to keep Jesus in clear focus?
8. Don't grow weary it says. Share around the room the times you find yourself growing weary. How can we best support and encourage each other? Can you think of any other biblical characters who needed courage?

### Taking It Home (Application)

9. This text is pure inspiration! Jesus finished His race and finished well – so many others have gone before and are cheering us on. Talk about the legacy you want to leave for the next generation. What would you want to be remembered for?
10. Spend some extended time in prayer tonight – praising and thanking Jesus for His example of endurance under fire. Ask Him for the courage you need for your particular battle.
11. Pray for Lake Country Launch – just 2 weeks away! Pray for many pre-Christians to be drawn to this new congregation! Pray for our church leadership during this time of ReFocusing.