

Corridor Church
Bridge Group
Better: A Study of Hebrews

Sample Schedule (You don't have to follow this time table but we do ask you include each element.)

7:00 PM	Meet and Greet
7:15 PM	Introduction and a little vision casting Corridor exist to Pursue the One that is far from God for the One who is God!
7:30 PM	Bible Study
8:30PM	Close out with time of prayer
9:00 PM	Farewells

It is ok to let the conversation wonder a little but try to redirect back to the passage. Allow people freedom to answer however they wish. Even if it doesn't line up with Scripture. However, if it doesn't make sure to discuss that further by asking questions and directed statements to help the group see what Scripture truly says about the matter.

Allow people time to share answers. It might be quite for a few moments after you ask a question. Sit in the Silence. This is tough no matter how long you have been leading a group.

For further help you can also look at The Gospel Coalition Commentary on Hebrews.

If you would like I can also get you a copy of Christ Centered Commentary: Exalting Christ in Hebrews.

Both of these are used in the writing of the sermon and the Bridge Group Lesson.

Sticky Statement: When we endure discipline it strengthens our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-10

Read 12:1-4

What stands out to you in this passage?

For those that were able to make it Sunday or watched it online, was there anything said in the message that stood out to you?

What are somethings that we endure in life?

What are somethings that people endure intentionally?

What are some reasons people would choose to endure those?

How is endurance important to the Christian walk?

What does endurance have to do with the first 4 verses of our passage?

The author uses a race as analogy to help us understand the idea of not quitting. We are to endure the difficult times and continue to follow Jesus.

How does running a race relate to following Jesus?

One must train in order to run a race well. You don't sit on the couch then get up and run, certainly won't do it well. Faith is the same we must put in effort in order to strengthen our faith. If we want to run the race of faith well we must work at it.

What are some ways we can grow our faith?

Pray, worship through music, read/listen to Scripture, community with other believers.

Look at verse 3 what do you think it means by "consider him"?

The author is telling us to remember Christ. We should think about what He went through in order to offer forgiveness. We are to look to Him for inspiration in how we live our life.

Take a couple minutes and talk about what Christ endured to bring salvation to us.

Gave up time in Heaven, temptation by Satan himself, He was beaten, flogged with a whip called the cat of nine tails, and crucified (basically he drowned to death in his own fluids as he hung on the cross). He did all this so we could be offered grace. He chose to endure rather than quit.

Read 5-11.

What are your thoughts about this part of the passage?

When you think of God disciplining His children what comes to mind? What makes you think/feel that way?

Is discipline a good or bad thing? Why do you feel that way?

How does verse 5-11 treat discipline; good, bad, or indifferent? What in the passage makes you feel that way?

The author quotes from Proverbs 3:11-12. It reminds us we should understand discipline as ultimately a good thing. God offers discipline to those He loves, those He calls child.

What is the difference between corrective discipline and training discipline when it comes to our faith?

Corrective Discipline offers correction for something that was done wrong. When we sin we face consequences for that action. Those consequences should help us to correct our course and begin running the right direction.

Training Discipline is for strengthening one's faith. When we pray and ask God to help us grow in a certain area He doesn't just give it to us. He will place us in a situation where we must exercise self-discipline to grow that are of our faith.

Are both forms of discipline necessary? Why or why not?

Look back at verse 11, what do you think the author is trying to communicate?

The author is reminding us that in trials we not only look up toward Christ but forward towards the future. We often must remind ourselves that there will one day be a benefit

to the things we suffer now. One day we will see that our faith was made stronger during the struggle.

When we endure discipline it strengthens our faith.