

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: Run the race of faith pursuing peace, holiness, and repentance.

Hebrews 12:12-17

Read 12:12-17

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 does it feel like when you are completely exhausted?

What is something you do to help prevent injury/burnout?

What are some things you do to recuperate?

What does it look like to have spiritual exhaustion?

What are something we can do to find spiritual rest?

Spend extended time in personal prayer, spend time alone singing praises, read scripture, Dig into a passage with a friend, etc

What does it look like to pursue peace with others?

Why is pursuing peace important?

When we strive for peace we earn the ability to speak of Jesus with others. When others know we desire what is best for all involved they are more willing to trust what we say is true and filled with love.

Will everyone be willing to live at peace with us? Why or why not?

The Gospel of Jesus is offensive to our sinful nature. We don't like being told we can't do it on our own, that we need a rescuer.

What does the word holiness mean?

Holiness means to be set apart, purified.

What does it mean to pursue holiness?

The author here is implying we are to be pursuing Christ as we fight to resist sin.

Does pursuing holiness mean we are perfect? Why or why not?

No it doesn't mean we are perfect. Holiness is the process of being purified/set apart not that we are already there. This is why the writer says pursue not obtain.

Why do you think "no one will see the Lord" without pursuing holiness?

In order to see Christ face to face He must purify us. He does this through His death on the cross and His resurrection. Through His power over the race of our life Christ gives us strength to conquer our sin. The pursuit of Holiness is a mark of the believer.

What does it mean by "make sure no one falls short of the grace of God"?

The author is talking about the on going Grace of God. We are to encourage each other in our walk with Christ. Encouraging each other to pursue Christ.

What is bitterness and where does it come from?

What makes bitterness such a terrible thing?

How does one overcome bitterness?

Forgiveness, forgiving the one that has wronged you is the only what to overcome bitterness.

How might bitterness infect others?

When we are bitter we share our thoughts and feelings with others in hopes of bringing them to our side.

Esau traded his birthright for a bowl of Lentil Stew, what is the problem with this?

He traded his future what the pleasure of the moment.

How does this make him an example of being irreverent?

He saw a bowl of stew as more important than all of his father's earthly possession, even worse, as more important than the promise God had given to his family.

Why do you think Esau is mentioned here?

Chapter 11 is filled with examples of people that have been found faithful. Positive example to imitate. Here we have a contrasting example, one to avoid. He is mentioned here as a warning of what not to be like.

Why do you think Esau never found the opportunity to repent?

How does pursuing peace, holiness, and repentance help us grow in our faith?

Pursuing all of these things take humility. As we humble ourselves it becomes easier to admit that God truly knows better than we do.

Run the race of faith pursuing peace, holiness, and repentance.