

Discussion Guide

Hebrews 12:13–17

The following questions are best considered after listening to Pastor Brent’s sermon on the passage.

1. Last week and again at the beginning of this sermon, Pastor Brent spoke about the assurance that both Isaiah (ch. 35) and the author of Hebrews gave their fatigued readers. **Do you remember what encouragement they gave their readers not to quit but to keep going?**

(Answer: The promise that God will come for them soon and that they will be able to go to Zion to worship Him [see Isaiah 35:4, 8–10; Heb 12:22–24])

2. **What does it mean to “strive for peace with everyone”? What sticks out to you about that command?**

Follow up: Is there anyone with whom you’ve been reluctant to pursue peace? If so, what would God have you do in this situation?

3. In this sermon, Pastor Brent explained that not everyone who attends the gathering is a true believer. **In what ways should that reality affect us?**

4. Sometimes people grow bitter with God when they go through challenging times. **Are you presently experiencing any difficulties that Satan might want to use to cause a “root of bitterness”?**

Follow up: Have you ever struggled with bitterness?

Follow up: Why is bitterness so dangerous?