

Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Can't Lose Hebrews 12:1-2

SERMON OUTLINE

I. How to Run the Race (v. 1)

- A. Look at the saints who have gone before you
- B. Lay aside every weight which slows you down
- C. Kill the sin which clings so closely
- D. Run with endurance

II. How to Win the Race (v. 2)

- A. Look to Jesus
- B. Look to the cross
- C. Look to the Resurrection
- D. Look to the throne

CROSS-REFERENCES

- Colossians 3:1-10
- Hosea 12:10
- Colossians 1:21-23
- 2 Timothy 4:6-8
- Jude 1, 24
- 1 Peter 1:3-5

QUOTE

“Do you mortify? Do you make it your daily work? Be always at it whilst you live; cease not a day from this work! Be killing sin or it will be killing you” (John Owen).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you have a quote or motto you live by or recall often?
2. Who is a saint in the Bible or that you personally know that you can look to as an example of Christian faithfulness?

Separate into gender groups for questions 3-5:

3. Andrew encouraged us to ask this diagnostic question: “What robs my affection for Jesus?” What is a weight that is interfering with your Christian life?
4. Is there a particular sin that is threatening to choke out your spiritual life that you're willing to share? How can the group help hold you accountable to fight this sin?
5. In what areas do you struggle to persevere?

OTHER QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

1. What does this text tell us about God?
2. What does this text tell us about man?
3. What should I put on or put off in my thinking?
4. What should I put on or put off in my doing?

LAST WEEK'S HOMEWORK

1. Spend some time evaluating your prayer life. Consider amplifying the time you spend in prayer. Consider how many of your prayers are self-focused.
2. Choose a person or a people group to intentionally pray for.

HOMEWORK

1. Ask someone in your group to hold you accountable for laying aside weights and sins that work against you.