

Hebrews 10:32-36 Small Group Questions

1. What is the context of the letter to the Hebrews that leads into the call to continue in the faith in this section?

We have a perfect sacrifice and a great High Priest in Jesus Christ. We have everything that we need to enter into glory in the Lord Jesus. He is the better sacrifice, the better Priest, a better Mediator of a better covenant.

2. What is the first thing that the writer calls the people to do? Why is this so important?

The writer first calls the people to remember “the former days” when they “were first illuminated.” He calls them to think back on the sweet times of their conversion. He calls them to think of the large grace that they experienced in their lives—the fervency that it produced. This was important because as they suffered loss of possessions, reputation, etc. they did so with joy.

3. What is the second thing that the writer calls the people to do? How does this help the call to continue in persevering confidence?

He calls them to remember the reward of their inheritance. This is the centerpiece of how they could suffer all the loss that they suffered. Only those who have something better in sight can lose something of lesser value and do so joyfully.

4. How are believers to view their afflictions and trials in this life?

We are to view all that happens here as temporary and transient in comparison with what is eternal and abiding. The writer reminds the Hebrew believers that they have an enduring possession in heaven.

5. How are we able to keep our eyes fixed on the eternal inheritance?

By keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus (Heb. 12:1-2). He is the one who merited the inheritance for us (Heb. 1:4). The writer of Hebrews tells us that “we do not yet see all things” that will be ours (Heb. 2:5-11) but that we see Jesus.

6. In what ways do you see a contrast between your first experience of grace and where you are now? Do you see growth or decline?
7. Do you remind yourself on a daily/weekly basis that the things of this world are passing away and that there is an eternal and enduring possession for yourself in glory?
8. How do these things affect your life within the body of Christ? How does this play out in your desire to be together with the people of God in worship (Heb. 10:23-25 and 34)?