

LIFEGROUPS

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Sermon-based Discussion Questions¹

“In the Long Run” from 9/22/19

Hebrews 11:32-12:3



SPOILER ALERT: *You may not want to read these until
AFTER you have heard the sermon.*

1. Do you know anyone who has dropped out of the race, leaving the Christian life? Why do you think some of us don't have the endurance to keep running?
2. Many “obstacles” in the world aren't bad in themselves but they can distract or tempt us to leave the race. What obstacles tend to slow down your spiritual progress?
3. Hebrews 12:1 mentions “sin that so easily entangles.” How does sin try to entangle you?
How can we help each other to disentangle from sin?
4. The sermon described the shame that believers often experience in Bangladesh. Do believers in the U.S. ever experience shame? As American culture shifts, how do you think we should respond? How do you think we should not respond?
5. An important part of perseverance is keeping the positive in focus—looking to Jesus. What are some ways we can fix our eyes on Jesus? How could this relate to the spiritual disciplines we discussed 2 Sundays ago?
6. Read Romans 8:18 and Hebrews 11:24-26. What do you think shaped the hope of Paul and Moses in the face of suffering? How much does your hope for the future influence your daily life in the here and now?

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