

Lesson 9 – Run - Leader Guide

Opening Discussion:

Leader - Open by asking your group the following questions

- Did you feel God calling you into any new places since the last lesson?
- Did you see any victory over dark places in your life or in the lives of those around you?

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Leader – The goal of this lesson is for participants to realize that they are in a long line of believers who have gone before them. The people in the Bible are our spiritual forefathers. We have been grafted into their family and heritage. Not only are the heroes of our Biblical stories rooting for us but also our contemporaries are in the stands. The people from our lives that invested in us who have passed are cheering us on. The baton is now in our hands; it is our generation's turn to run. With Jesus as our focus and the Kingdom of Heaven as our vision, we run with all we have.

Discussion:

- Go around your circle and have your group members read our passage in Hebrews in 3 verse segments - *Hebrews 11:1-12:3*
 - In the race of your life, who is in your emperor's box? Who or what are your eyes fixated on? Who are you running the race for?
 - What are the idols or the weights that God may be asking you to throw off? What is distracting you from running wholeheartedly?
 - Who has gone before you and passed the baton to you? Share their story.
- Looking at all of the heroes of the faith in Hebrews 11, which story inspires you the most? And/or give an example of someone you know that inspires you to run the race.
- Knowing that a race is continuously hard, how can we practically fix our eyes on the author and perfecter of our faith?
- Who are some of the people that God is calling you to run with? Who are your teammates? How can you rely on them for support? How can you support them?

Leader - For all of us, the demands of life are imminent and daily. The hope for this curriculum is for participants to think in a much bigger and more consequential and urgent way about their lives and their calling. It is our honor to read the text, know the text, and walk the text. God is looking for partners. God believes in us so much that He entrusted His gospel to us. God has given us the gift of each other. God has granted us victory. God has shepherded us to this point. It is our time to run the race. Let's give everything we have to bring His kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Concluding Thoughts:

- Referencing the back of the Viewer Notes from this lesson - share a few personal takeaways that you have learned from this curriculum.
- As your group concludes, ask them to share any new ideas/actions that they are excited to incorporate into their walk of faith.