



Week Two

WELCOME!

Hi and welcome to week two! We hope you are getting to know your group! Like last week, we are continuing to look at Hebrews 12:1-2. Feel free to spend a good chunk of your time on getting to know each other and less on the lesson stuff... if you feel like you have run out of stuff to talk about then feel free to use the "Get to Know You" questions below and the questions about the talk tonight!

GET TO KNOW YOU QUESTIONS

These are provided as a resource... you can come up with some questions that fit your group better, or just use these!

1. Basic Bio Questions: Name, grade, school, family
2. On a scale of 1 to 10 (ten being the best) rate the summer.
3. What was the high point? What was the low point?
4. What was something that you did this Summer that you have never done before?
5. If you were to choose a new name for yourself, what would it be?
6. If you were given an extra \$10 in change at Walmart, what would you do with it and why?
7. What's the best day of the past week for you - why?
8. What are you wearing today which is most reflective of who you are?
9. If you were given a million dollars and 24 hours to spend it in, (no depositing it in the bank or investing it) what would you buy?

10. What are your favorite TV shows?
11. What kind of music do you like to listen to
12. Shoes or sandals?
13. What is your Favorite food?
14. What cool things are you doing this school year?
15. What if.....

...you were about to throw up sitting next to your first date on an amusement park ride?

...you could travel back in time?

...you could be your parents for a day?

...you could make it be any day of the week?

...you could be any age?

...you could relive one day of your life?

...you could be any cartoon character/

...your home was on fire and you could only save three things?

...you had to give up one of your five senses?

...you could have one superhuman power?

16. Would you rather...

...eat thick crust or thin crust pizza?

...get shot from a cannon or walk a highwire?

...get a shot from the doctor or a filling from a dentist?

...eat squid or chocolate covered ants?

...go a week without brushing your teeth or a week without taking a shower?

...meet Fred Flintstone or Yogi Bear?

...step in JellO or mashed potatoes?

...have the power to fly or disappear?

...be bald or have no toes?

...eat mexican or Chinese food?

...be woken up by music or by an alarm?

...own a cabin in the mountains or a home on the beach?

...be verbally abused or slapped in the face?

...watch a soap opera or make fun of one?

...make child cry or kick a kitten?

...faint during your wedding ceremony and recover an hour later or throw up during your ceremony and continue right away?

...lose all of your photos and photo albums or lose all your money?

...have a stomachache or a headache?

...eat thick crust or thin crust pizza

...be covered with spiders or snakes?

...be covered with Cheez wiz or sour creme?

...watch Star Trek or Gilligan's Island?

...sneeze for an hour or hiccup for an hour/

...eat dog food or cat food?

...be the person who throws up or the person who has to clean up the throw up?

...step in jell-o or mashed potatoes?

...have a runny nose or itchy eyes?

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:2

NIV

²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE MESSAGE

²Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God.

NLT

²We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish.[a] He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward. Now he is seated in the place of highest honor beside God's throne in heaven.

Hebrews 12:1

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

RESOURCE QUESTIONS:

- 1. How do we fix our eyes on Jesus? What does fixing our eyes on Jesus have to do with running the race?*
- 2. What does “author and perfecter of our faith” mean? How does this apply to Jesus?*
- 3. What does “for the joy set before Him” mean? What joy is the writer talking about?*
- 4. Why focus on Jesus? What does the rest of the verse say about why we would focus on Jesus as we run this race?*
- 5. What does “Christ plus nothing” look like practically? Is that possible to do in our lives?*
- 6. How much are we willing to endure for the sake of “running the race?” Are we willing to endure shame and embarrassment for the sake of the cross?*
- 7. How does remembering the cross and what Jesus did help us run the race?*

CHALLENGE

This week... how will you live “Christ plus nothing?” How much do you really want to live this way?