





## QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What is the most delightful hotel or house you have stayed in while on vacation?

1. Who is the great cloud of witnesses mentioned in Hebrews 12:1? Why do we need them [cf. Acts 1:8; 1 Timothy 6:12; and 1 Peter 5:1]?
2. Why is the metaphor of long-distance running such an appropriate illustration of the Christian life [Hebrews 12:1]? Also consult 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Galatians 5:7; and Philippians 2:14-16.
3. How is it possible to experience joy in the middle of suffering [Hebrews 12:2]? Also consider Luke 24:26; John 16:20-22; and 2 Corinthians 8:1-2.
4. According to Hebrews 12:2, who is Jesus, and what had He accomplished on our behalf [cf. Matthew 16:24-27; Philippians 2:5-11; and Hebrews 2:10]?
5. How does Christ's example of faithful endurance of suffering encourage you to do the same [Hebrews 12:3]? Also examine Luke 2:34-35; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; and Revelation 2:3.
6. What is the value of the Lord's discipline as outlined in Hebrews 12:5-6? Also look up Deuteronomy 8:5; Psalm 94:12-13; and 1 Corinthians 11:27-32.
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"Never let any man become necessary to you. Christ alone is necessary. Apart from Him we are completely wretched; without Him we cannot live and dare not die. Our need of Him is real and vital and will outlast time and go on into eternity. That deep and desperate need is met by Christ so completely that when we have Him we need no one else." (A.W. Tozer)