

Confirmation Small Group Time

(New Testament - Class 10: Other Letters)

Passages: 1 Peter 2:9-10; Hebrews 12:1-3; Revelation 1:1-8

Theme Verse: Hebrews 12:1-3

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, **2** looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.*

Highs and Lows...

Choose one of the Following Quotes that speaks to you and share why you chose it.

This is Christian hope, that the future is in God's hands. (Pope Francis)

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
(Revelation 21:4)

"I've read the last page of the Bible. It's all going to turn out all right." (Billy Graham)

"Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: You don't give up." (Anne Lamott)

Choose questions from the following to feed the discussion on the topic:

Besides Saint Paul, many other people wrote letters in the New Testament. Peter wrote several. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. It's written when Christians were under severe persecution? What helped them get through those terrible times? What helps you?

The last book of the Bible is Revelation. Notice that it's singular, even though when you read it, there are many visions/revelations. But what's the big one? What's the Revelation?

All the books/letters in the New Testament (27 of them) are written so that people become acquainted with Jesus and then follow him. If you were going to write a letter about following Jesus, what's one thing you would say or emphasize?

Try and Learn/Memorize the Theme Verse.

