



Persevere for the Reward Hebrews 10:32-39

INTRODUCTION

The writer of Hebrews encourages suffering Christians to remember how they joyfully endured past suffering and to look to their coming eternal reward in order to continue to hold onto their faith.

INSTRUCTIONS

This guide is meant to facilitate discussion which will lead to a response to God's word. Therefore please use it as a tool that best fits the needs of your small group.

OPENING DISCUSSION

- What was the most interesting idea/concept about Sunday's sermon?
- How did the Day of Prayer for the Persecuted church impact you?

REVIEW

- Have someone read **Heb 10:32-39**
- Do you think Christian persecution is increasing/decreasing or staying the same? Why?
- Why did the Christians in this text partner with the suffering Christians (v33)?
- Why were they joyful in the seizure of their property (perhaps read Matt 5:10-12; Rom 8:18; 2 Cor 4:17)?
- What is the better possession and how does that enable them to joyfully endure suffering (v34)?
- Why must they be encouraged to not throw away their confidence (v35)?

APPLICATION

- 2 Tim 3:12 "All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." What do you make of this verse? What is the connection between godliness and persecution? How to you see this verse in your life?
- Recall the early days of your Christianity. What were they like? How was your zeal different then from what it is now? What specific sufferings have you experienced in the past that can help you endure in your present trials?
- Are you afraid of shame? Being foolish? Awkwardness? If so, why?
- If after church service our cars were smashed & vandalized, what would be your first reaction? Would it be joy? Discuss.
- Does the reality of Heaven impact how you live and what you live for? How so?
- How can we (or this community group) partner with suffering Christians (v33)?
- What helps you to love things less and God's people more?
- **[LEADER: PLEASE ASK & ENCOURAGE OPENNESS]** Is there anything in your life that is tempting you to walk away from Christ? Perhaps a secret sin or crushing trouble or an uncertain future or an illicit desire?

PRAYER (divide the group based on gender if desired)

- What action/repentance does God want you to take according to the truths of this text?
- Are there any other prayer needs?