



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

Sermon Discussion Questions: September 20, 2026

The Race of Faith

Sermon Series: Running the Race of Faith

Passage: Hebrews 12:1-3

1. **Hebrews describes the Christian life as a race of endurance.** Where do you currently find yourself feeling most tempted to “quit” or grow weary in your faith? What makes that particular part of the race difficult?
2. **The author tells us to “lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely.”** What is the difference between a *sin* that needs to be repented of and a *weight*—something that may be good in itself but has begun to hinder your pursuit of Jesus? Are there any “weights” in your life right now that you need to consider laying aside?
3. The sermon talked about the “**horizons**” that compete for our attention—things like achievement, comfort, security, politics, health, money, relationships, or belonging. **What tends to function as a competing horizon for you?** What does that thing promise to give you that only Jesus can ultimately provide?
4. Hebrews tells us to run by “**looking to Jesus,**” who endured the cross “for the joy that was set before him.” The sermon said, “**Jesus looked through his cross and saw us; we look through our crosses and see him.**” How does remembering Jesus’ love and endurance change the way you think about a hardship or sacrifice you are currently facing?
5. **Hebrews 12:3 says to “consider him” so that you “may not grow weary or fainthearted.”** What would it practically look like for you this week to create space to “consider Jesus” rather than simply adding another task to your life? What is one specific thing you could do to fix your attention on him?