

Sermon Discussion Questions: September 27, 2026

Where Faith Takes You

Sermon Series: Running the Race of Faith

Passage: Hebrews 12:18-29

1. **When life is difficult, where do you tend to look for an explanation or a way forward?**

The sermon says that when we suffer, we often focus on fixing the immediate problem, but Hebrews calls us to have “a bigger vision” and look to Jesus. What makes it difficult for you to do that when you are hurting?

2. **The sermon distinguishes between what we feel and what is ultimately true.**

What are some circumstances in which you have *felt* that God was distant, absent, or displeased with you? How does Hebrews 12:22–24—the picture of Mount Zion and Jesus—challenge or reshape those feelings?

3. **“The difference is Jesus.”**

The sermon contrasts approaching God based on our own merit with approaching God through Christ's righteousness. How does the gospel change the way you interpret suffering, failure, or seasons when things go badly? Where are you most tempted to think, “God is punishing me for something”?

4. **Hebrews gives us three responses: “Don’t refuse God’s grace; don’t hold on to what can be shaken; don’t hold back in your worship.”**

Which of these three is most challenging for you right now, and why? What might it look like to live that out this week?

5. **“Faith isn't the certainty that life's journey will be easy.”**

The sermon says that faith is confidence that *the one who is with you is greater than the world* and that you belong to a kingdom that cannot be shaken. How would keeping that vision of glory in front of you change the way you approach a current difficulty, disappointment, or uncertainty?