



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

Sermon Discussion Questions: October 4, 2026

Faithful to the End

Sermon Series: Running the Race of Faith

Passage: Hebrews 13:1-16

1. **Hebrews says that hardship can reveal what we actually believe.** When you experience stress, disappointment, or suffering, where do you tend to look for security, comfort, or control? What might those responses reveal about what you are trusting?
2. **The sermon identified three ways hardship tempts us to retreat: into ourselves, into pleasure, and into legalism or social acceptance.** Which of these do you find most tempting, and what does that retreat look like in ordinary life?
3. **Hebrews 13:5–6 says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” and “The Lord is my helper.”** How does God's presence change the way we can respond to suffering? What would it look like for you to actually trust that promise in a difficult circumstance right now?
4. **Hebrews tells us to “go to him outside the camp.”** The sermon suggested that when life becomes painful, we often want to get back inside—to safety, comfort, approval, or our old way of life. Where might Jesus be calling you to follow him even though doing so could cost you something?
5. **The sermon ends with: “You may lose approval. You may lose comfort. You may lose money. You may lose relationships... But you will never lose Jesus.”** How does knowing that Jesus is ultimately our home and refuge free us to live differently? What is one concrete way you can “remember who you are and whose you are” this week?