



HILL COUNTRY

BIBLE CHURCH

A Call to Serious Christianity

Hebrews 12:1-3

1. The serious Christian life is like a **glorious marathon**.

2. The serious Christian life is **singularly focused on Jesus**.

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MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Athletic competition has been a craze for most cultures throughout history and it certainly is with ours today. Why do you think this is true? In what way does running a marathon make a good metaphor for a serious Christian life?
2. Read through Hebrews 11. What is common about all these heroes of the Old Testament? Do any of their individual lives motivate you to look at the way you are living? Explain.
3. As you read the call to a serious Christian life in Hebrews 12:1-3, what would be some of the hinderances or sins that hold you back from living fully for Jesus?
4. If a serious Christian life requires a singular focus on Jesus and what He did to run His race, what would it take for you to maintain that focus in your life? How could the group help you?

Memory Verse

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV, 1984)