

**“Handle Hard Better”**

(1) Getting Started	(3) Questions?
<p><b>Review From Last Week</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recite Hebrews 11:1 (and or 11:6) or any other Scriptures you are working on memorizing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Personal Reflection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has there ever been a time in your Christian life when you have struggled in your faith? What were the circumstances?</li> <li>Were there others who helped you through this difficult time? Who were they?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luke 22:39-71</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In what ways did Jesus have to endure during “his race”?</li> <li>What does it mean to you that you were the “joy” set before Him—you were the motivation for Him to endure such hardships?</li> <li>Allow that to motivate you in your response to His love.</li> </ul>
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p><b>Read</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hebrews 12:1-4</li> </ul> <p><b>Discuss</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the hinderances to “running our race” well?</li> <li>If God is not going to judge us for our sin (for salvation), then why does He care so much if we are entangled in it? How might this affect the outcome of our “race”?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reflection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastor Dave talked about his struggle finishing a race. He said that the only way he was able to finish was because of the “cloud of witnesses” cheering him on to the end.</li> <li>Do you have people like this in your life? Who?</li> <li>Can this be said of our Small Group? If not, how can we start doing this for each other?</li> <li>Growing in endurance means becoming better at handling hard things. What area, in particular, is God asking you to grow in endurance as part of your race?</li> </ul> <p><b>Memorize</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hebrews 12:1-2</li> </ul>