

Text: Hebrews 12: 1-17

1. *When you think of the people listed in Hebrews 11, do you see yourself in their company? Or is their faith out of reach?*
2. *How does Hebrews 12:1-2 inform our answer to the question above?*
3. *If someone said to you “the Christian life is just too hard” what would you say in order to adjust their perspective?*
4. *What encumbrances do you need to lay aside at this stage of your journey with Jesus? if that's too personal, what are some encumbrances common to our culture that you see as common among Christians?*
5. *We don't have Jesus physically present. What disciplines have helped you keep your eyes on him? (12:2)*
6. *In terms of strengthening hands and knees, and making a straight paths, what are some ways those exhortations could apply to Refuge Church? (consider 1Tim 2:8; Acts 20:35; Phil 4:2-3; 1Pet 4:10-11)*

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

1. What new concept did you learn from this week's text?
2. Is there anything in the text that you don't understand?
3. How does this text challenge you to change? Is there anything standing in your way of making that change?