

Session 4: The CHIME of Fellowship

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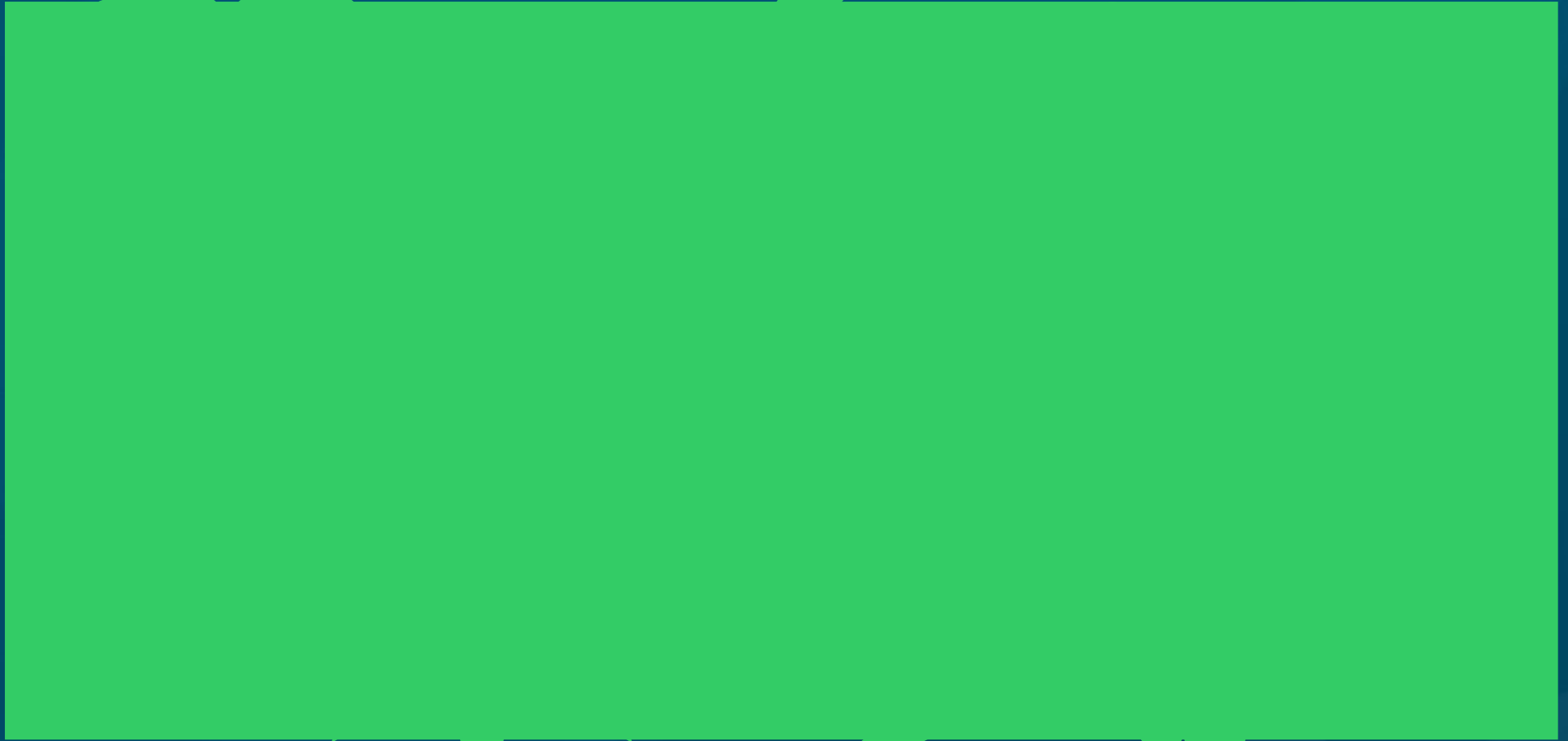
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Memorize: Hebrews 12:1-3



Key verse: Hebrews 12:1-3

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.

Outline for this weekend

- Retreat theme: “Fixing our eyes upon Jesus”
 - Key verse: Hebrews 12:1-3
- Session 1 (Fri pm): “Cloud Watching”
 - Key verse: Hebrews 11, 12:1
- Session 2 (Sat am): “Less Weight, More Speed!”
 - Key verse: Hebrews 12:1-3
- Session 3 (Sat pm): “Tough Love”
 - Key verse: Hebrews 12:2-11
- Session 4 (Sun am): “The CHIME of Fellowship”
 - Key verse: Hebrews 10:19-25

Review: Sessions 1-2

- Session 1: purpose: How does God evaluate us?
 - Good and faithful steward (Mt 25:14-30)
- Session 2: running the race
 - Listen to your cheerleaders: cloud of witnesses
 - Dress lightly: weights and entangling sins
 - Run! (and keep running): persevere
 - Keep your eyes forward: on Jesus

Review: Session 3

- Session 3: discipline => disciple-making
 - Jesus is the **beginning**: our identity is in Christ
 - ◆ Phil 1:21-26: to live is Christ, to die is gain
 - Jesus is the **end**: goal of the faith
 - ◆ no distractions
 - Jesus is our Father who **disciplines** us:
 - ◆ For our good, to train our character
 - ◆ Suffering for good vs. suffering for evil (1Pet2:11-25)
 - Jesus is the **completion** of the faith
 - ◆ His sacrifice pays up what we could never pay

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- C ome near to God
- H old fast to Jesus' hope
- I mpact each other's lives
- M eet together
- E ncourage each other

Small group discussion questions

- A time when you felt **close** to God?
 - How close or far away are you right **now**?
- Have you had a friend **spur** you?
 - How can we spur each other on to **love** and **good deeds**?
- Write a note of **encouragement** for each member of your small group.