

Small Group / Personal reflection material

LIVING WATER

(21 March 2021)



1. Hebrews 11 is the “hall of faith” in which heroes of faith are commended for their commitment to God and their faithful perseverance. It ends like this: *“³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.”* Chapter 12 then starts with “Therefore...” read Hebrews 12:1-3 and discuss what stands out for you and why.

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, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy that was set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

2. What do you think it means that we are surrounded by a “great cloud of witnesses” and why is this important?

3. What do you think it means that it is only with us that the heroes of faith are made perfect? (Heb 11:340)
4. How do you think we can currently do more to support others in their faith and to be supported by our faith community?
5. What do you think it means to “fix our eyes on Jesus” in the context of a race? How can you practically do this in this coming week?
6. Why do you think our Christian journey requires so much perseverance and commitment? Why doesn’t God just make it easier for us?
7. Why is it significant that Jesus is sitting on the throne at the right hand of God (Heb 12:2)? What does this mean?
8. How do you think that considering the opposition Jesus endured and the pain He faced helps us not to lose heart (Heb 12:3)?