

Sermon Questions

Hebrews 12:4-13

So often when we hear the word *discipline* we immediately think of punishment instead of understanding all the nuances of the word. When we talk about the discipline of God we are talking about His comprehensive standards that He works tirelessly for us to accomplish. He teaches, coaches, trains, admonishes, encourages, and scourges those who are his children. While God accepts us just as we are, His purpose in discipline is a blessing so that we don't remain there. God's desire for us involves growing in righteousness and reflecting the holiness of God. This section of Scriptures causes us to consider the purpose of God's discipline so that we will be thankful for His hand in our lives. May this message encourage you about the grace of discipline.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

The Grace of Discipline

Hebrews 12:4-13

Remember that God's discipline...

Looks different from His perspective (4-6)

Helps you to endure in God's family (7-8)

Involves a short-term pain for a long-term gain (9-11)

Protects us from discouragement (12-13)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email info@bravechurch.online and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

Questions

1. In 2 Timothy 3:16 we learn that God uses His word for teaching, reproof, correcting and training. In God's discipline of us how does God use teaching? Reproof? Correcting? Training?
2. When it comes to obedience why do some people just claim grace and remain cavalier about their sin? When it comes to obedience why do some people believe that God is angry all the time just looking to punish believers relentlessly?

3. When it comes to your sin, who wants it out of your life more? You or God? Why do we tend to be objective with sin in the lives of others but more subjective with the sin in your own life? Are you really trying too hard in your fight against sin? What does 2 Corinthians 7:10 teach us about sin and our need for repentance? Why is repentance more than just admitting we are wrong or saying we struggle?
4. What does it mean that righteousness is demanded by the Father, modeled by the Son and made possible by the Spirit? What is God's requirement for you? How does God use circumstances and people in your life to discipline you?
5. What does it mean that God has either authored or allowed the circumstances in your life to unfold? Knowing that truth that God is in control, how can it help you to learn from every situation in your life? What has God engineered right now in your life and how can you learn from this specific circumstance?
6. What is God's purpose for discipline in your life? How does discipline keep you in the family rather than kick you out? How does understanding God's love in the discipline you receive help you to grow?
7. How are fathers called to discipline their children? What do the following verses teach? Proverbs 13:24; Proverbs 23:13-14; Proverbs 22:15; Proverbs 29:15,17; Proverbs 19:18; Proverbs 12:1. Why are these verses important?
8. How many believers are disciplined by God? What does it mean if you are never disciplined? Just as a father is responsible for the discipline of his own children, how is God responsible for the discipline of His children?
9. How is discipline a short-term pain for a long-term gain? What is God preparing us for in this life? For the next life? How is discipline essential to our growth in Christ? Why should we be careful to alleviate pain in the life of a believer when they are going through a trial? How might we be interfering with God's work?
10. How does our flesh hate discipline? What are some topics preached in church that irk you or bother you? Why does your flesh hate those topics? What might God be trying to say to you about that area of your life? Do you struggle to learn about relationships? Finances? Service? Church? Submission? Leadership? Honor? Love? Preferencing others? Forgiveness? Some other area?
11. What does it mean that your theological convictions are what you practice? What areas of your Christian life are you better at talking about than walking out? What changes do you need to make?
12. How does discipline strengthen our service? How does discipline strengthen our walk? How does discipline strengthen us to take the straight path? What are some areas where you can thank God that you are not what you used to be?

13. How does God's discipline of you not only grow you but help the Body of Christ?
What is the result when there is a lack of discipline? How does it hurt the individual?
How does it hurt the entire family?
14. What is your greatest take-a-way from this week's message? What do you need to apply in your life right now?