

Discussion Questions for Hebrews 12 (Part 3) :12-17

- Pastor Paul likened these verses to a half-time pep talk by the coach. How are they similar?
- What is the first exhortation in **verse 12**?
- Read **Isaiah 35:3–4**. How do the words “**Be strong; fear not!**” help us to understand what Hebrews 12 is saying?
- What is the overall PROMISE in Isaiah 35:3-4?
- What does Hebrews 12:12 tell you about the faith of the recipients of this letter?
- What is the second exhortation in **verse 13**?
- What does the word-picture of **making straight paths** (or level paths) actually mean and what is the Writer saying in this exhortation?
- Read **Psalms 27:11, Proverbs 15:19** and **Isaiah 26:7**. How are all these passages related to **verse 13**?
- What is the third exhortation in **verse 14**?
- What does it mean to “strive for peace with everyone”?
- Why is the lack of peace with others a stumbling block on our path?
- What can you do if someone doesn’t want to be at peace with you?
- Why is pursuing peace an act of holiness?
- Why do you think it is impossible for an unholy person to see the Lord?
- What is the fourth exhortation in **verse 15**?
- How were some of these Hebrew believers in danger of missing “the grace of God” (12:15)? (Read 2:1–4; 6:4–8 for review.)
- What are some of the ways we can miss the grace of God today?
- What’s the best way to hang onto grace and not slip into legalism?
- What is the fifth exhortation in **verses 16-17**?
- Why do you think sexual immorality is still as much of a problem as it was in biblical times?
- How is Esau’s sin from Genesis 25 similar to the sin of sexual immorality?
- How does the sin of sexual immorality keep us from pressing on with the Lord?
- Practically speaking, what is involved in putting the exhortations of **12:12–17** into practice?