- 12. What is the root of all sorts of evil?
- 13. What is one of the greatest virtues in life?
- 14. If you are driven by a love for money then you're on the road to what?
- 15. Does money drive you?
- 16. Are you content with what the Lord has given you?
- 17. What is the second cause of spiritual defection, as seen in I Timothy 6:20-21?
- 18. What are the two avenues through which the world's thinking comes through to us?
- 19. When does education become bad and inaccurate?
- 20. Who is the author of science?
- 21. During the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, how many Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled?
- 22. What is the third cause of spiritual defection (as seen in 2 Tim. 2)?
- 23. What is "Hardship"?
- 24. Often times people are so hurt by hardship that they do what?
- 25. In John 17, when Jesus faced the most difficult hardship of His life He affirmed the fact that God doesn't make mistakes by addressing God in what way?

- 26. When is the best time to prepare for a crisis?
- 27. What is the fourth cause of spiritual defection as seen in 2 Tim. 2?
- 28. Have you lost your desire to get into the Word?
- 29. What is a fifth cause of spiritual defection as seen in 2 Timothy 4?
- 30. Each time we reject the truth of the Word of God it gets easier the next time because our conscience can become what?
- 31. Is there some teaching that you've heard here at Grace that you rejected because it confronted a sin in your life or a wrong belief? If so, what was it?
- 32. What is the sixth cause of spiritual defection as seen in 2 Tim. 9?
- 33. What are some things that the world offers to you and me?
- 34. According to I John 2:15-16, those who love the world have no what?
- 35. The cure for worldliness is to do what?
- 36. If worldliness is the symptom of the problem, what is the cure?
- 37. In Hebrews 12:1, the writer uses the word race, which comes from the Greek word, "agona" from which we get what English word?
- 38. The Christian life can be likened to what kind of race?

- 39. Will you be walking with God in 5 years? 10? 50?
- 40. According to Hebrews 12:2, what gives a person endurance?
- 41. Reflection Time: Of the following causes of spiritual defection, which one(s) would you say you are most tempted in?
  - a. Love of money
  - b. Humanistic thinking
  - c. Hardship
  - d. Lack of Diligence in the Word
  - e. Rejection of Truth That Makes Us Uncomfortable
  - f. Love For This World
- 42. Reflection Time: What things are you going to do to change the direction in your life so that you won't defect down the road?
- 43. Reflection Time: What are some things that you might look at to determine whether you are headed towards spiritual defection?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- » How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- » How can I accomplish this change?
- » What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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## **RUNNING WITH ENDURANCE**

## **Selected Scriptures**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "Running With Endurance." All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

- 1. Pastor Bryan believes that one of the rarest qualities in the body of Christ today is the character trait of what?
- 2. Jesus clearly taught that many of us will get sidetracked in life. Where do we find his teaching on this topic?
- 3. How many of the four individuals in Matthew 13 bail out?
- 4. The issue in this parable is what?
- 5. In John 6:53-54, what Jesus said is the same thing as doing what?
- 6. In John 6:66-69 there were possibly how many defectors?
- 7. What is it that makes someone defect or turn back?
- 8. What is the first cause (as seen in I Timothy 6) of spiritual defection or spiritual erosion?
- 9. What was one of the most talked about subjects of our Lord's?
- 10. Why did Jesus talk so much about money?
- 11. Why did Jesus ask the man in Luke 18 to give up all of his money?