

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, September 30th

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

Together, out loud, spend some time praising the Lord for His grace to us in the Lord Jesus Christ and other resultant blessings.

Please pray for our church's evangelistic efforts. In particular, please pray that we as members of GBC would be faithful to preach the gospel to the lost in our lives. Please also pray for an upcoming evangelistic event on the campus of MSU titled "God & Cancer."

After prayer, please continue praising God through song #216 – Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.

Together in the Word:

1. Read Hebrews 12:1-14. In regards to the command to "pursue peace with all men" (v.14) and similar verses like Romans 12:18, how have you sought to be obedient to the Lord in this area? _____

2. Does the word "sanctification" in Hebrews 12:14 refer to what is commonly known as "progressive sanctification" or "positional sanctification"? What is the difference? _____

3. Why is it that those who lack the "sanctification" referred to in verse 14 will not "see the Lord" (i.e., will not go to Heaven)? _____

4. Read vv. 14-15. How does the sin of "one" member have the potential to affect "many" within the Body of Christ? _____

5. What do these verses tell us about how we should relate to one another? _____

6. How are we each in danger of becoming like Esau? See v. 15-17. _____

Sermon Prep: Read Hebrews 12

LOOKING CAREFULLY AFTER YOUR HEART

Hebrews 12:14-17

Series #35

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"Looking Carefully After Your Heart."** 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. Where do we find the proverb, "Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the issues of life"?
2. Are you serious about guarding your heart and dealing with issues of your heart?
3. What do we know about the recipients of the letter titled, "Hebrews"?
4. Because of persecution the Hebrew believers were considering doing what?
5. What did Paul say about the Old Covenant in 2nd Corinthians 3
6. Everything about Jesus is better than all the things that were held in high esteem where?
7. How many Jewish people died in the A.D. 70 judgment?

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8. By realigning themselves with Judaism, the Hebrews believers would be stepping right in the path of what?
9. What privilege would the believers in Jesus as Messiah forfeit if they turned back to Judaism?
10. Hebrews 12:14-17 is an exhortation to do what?
11. What is the first thing that the Holy Spirit tells us to pursue?
12. How many people are we to strive to be at peace with?
13. Are you at odds with anyone in the family of God?
14. When you go through adversity it is easy to react/relate to others with what?
15. What is the second exhortation given in this passage?
16. We are called and exhorted and commanded throughout the New Testament to deal with what in our lives?
17. What are two other passages that exhort us to live holy lives?
18. If a person has no holiness or sanctification in his life that person isn't what?
19. From Romans 1:5, we know what about believing God and Jesus Christ and about true saving faith?
20. What other things about faith do we learn from various passages in Romans?
21. Is salvation more than us receiving forgiveness and eternal life?
22. The book of Romans is an explanation of what concept?
23. What two things do we have to guard our hearts over to make sure they do not happen (from verse 15)?
24. What two words are sometimes used to refer to the Old Covenant and the New Covenant?
25. What can develop when we are going through adversity?
26. Are you in danger because of bitterness in your heart?
27. What, besides causing trouble in our own lives, does bitterness do?
28. The first issue warned about in verse 16 is the potential for what when one is suffering?
29. What is the last warning in this passage?
30. What does it mean that Esau "...found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears"?
31. If the Hebrew believers turned back to Judaism, could they still repent and ask God for forgiveness?
32. If they did turn to Judaism, what would they be unable to undo?
33. Are you seeing to it that you are not falling into the very specific things that the Holy Spirit warns us about in this passage?