

DNA of a Christ Follower

Small Group Resources

Lesson 6: Persevering

Opener:

What is something you have quit and are glad you did?

Or

What is something you quit that you regret quitting?

Opening Prayer

The opposite of quitting is persevering. And this is a key trait of a follower of Jesus Christ, a trait which might not be obvious until you read through the New Testament looking for traits.

Read:

Matthew 24.9-13; Hebrews 10.36; Luke 8.15

These verses highlight the trait of persevering as Christians.

List all the reasons you can think of why a Christian needs to persevere.

In what ways, specifically, do you currently need to persevere in your spiritual life?

Read 1 Corinthians 9.24-27

In his own words, what did Paul do to ensure he persevered?

What would this look like, practically?

Read 2 Timothy 4.7-8

This was near the end of Paul's life. It seems he persevered.

What are the things you think you need to do, perhaps the things you need to change, for you to be able to say what he said here, at the end of your life?

Read 2 Timothy 3.12.

Do you believe this is true?

How have you seen this reality?

All the above highlight the truth that Perseverance is Essential for followers of Jesus Christ.

Let's take a look now at what make perseverance possible.

Read Romans 15.4-6

The things "written in the past" refer to the Old Testament.

What stories or passages from the Old Testament give you endurance, encouragement, hope?

This passage also refers to “the God who gives endurance.”

How have you seen God give you endurance?

Read Hebrews 10.32-26

What was it that enabled these people to persevere?

A key passage on perseverance is Hebrews 12.1-3. **Read it.**

What are the steps given here for perseverance?

What is the difference between “everything that hinders” and “the sin that so easily entangles”?

What is there in your life that may not be sin but which could hinder your perseverance if it is not kept in its place?

What does it mean to “fix our eyes on Jesus?”

What is it about the example of Jesus that helps you persevere?

There is one very important key to perseverance that we often forget.

Rad John 10.27-29

What does this tell us about perseverance?

Refer back to Romans 15.4-6

Where does perseverance come from?

When it comes to persevering, like many aspects of our spiritual lives, we have a part and God has a part. Our part is to throw off baggage and fix our eyes on Jesus. His part is to infuse us with supernatural strength.

Which of the following things is your next step in persevering?

- Throwing off things that may not be wrong but which hinder
- Throwing off some sins that can entangle you
- Fixing your eyes on Jesus
- Receiving some supernatural perseverance from the Lord

Consider sharing your answer with the group as a prayer request.

A Christ Follower is persevering—throwing off excess baggage, fixing their eyes on Jesus, and resting in the hands of the Father.