

So What? “Living the Journey”

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REALITIES

- We are moving on our journey – either toward our full potential in Christ or away from that. We are not in _____.
- The journey is an amazing journey, a journey with meaning and purpose, but it is not an _____ journey.

A Vitaly Important Journey

- Ephesians 4:13
- Hebrews 5:11-14
- A church can't achieve what they are called to achieve unless we as individuals are _____.

Living the Journey – Hebrews 12:1-3

LESSON 1-WE NEED EACH OTHER TO FINISH THE JOURNEY

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...

- Hebrew 11:32-38
- These are the models – accept their _____
- Community is essential

LESSON 2-LET GO AND MOVE ON

...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles”. Throw off - (1) hindrances and (2) entangling sin.

HINDRANCE #1- Discomfort of living differently

- Privileges without the _____
- It's a challenge to live _____
- It's a challenge to move into the _____

HINDRANCE #2- Avoiding what we need to experience in order to grow

- Mark 4:35-41
- Need the storms to learn
- Staying on shore is easier, but ...
- Responding to storms

HINDRANCE #3- Getting distracted or sidetracked

- Hebrews 2:1
- Bad big decisions begin with bad small decisions

HINDRANCE #4- The world itself

- Mark 4:18-19
- II Timothy 4:9-10

ENTANGLING SIN

- *“Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* (Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14-15)
- Repentance is not:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____ to be “good”
- Repentance is:
 1. (Eugene Peterson)
 2. Operating from a different _____

Remember: This is a lifelong process

LESSON 3-FOCUS, FOCUS, FOCUS

- Hebrews 12:1b-3
- Journeys might vary
- The _____ lets us know where to fix our eyes
- This is the _____ that will bring us through

A Completed Race – II Timothy 4:7-8

Things to Think About . . .

Review Hebrews 12:1-3

- Reflect on some of the “great cloud of witnesses” who are surrounding you in the “race marked out for you”. Were these perfect people who never made mistakes or sinned? What made them unique? What can you learn from them?
- What do you think is the current “race marked out for you”? What is God leading you to do with the information in this passage?
- What are some of the hindrances that you are facing on your journey?
- What are some of the sins that entangle you?
- As you think about it, what is the true focus of your life right now?

