

Hebrews 12:12-29 Notesheet

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#1) Allow God to **STRENGTHEN** you.

A) "We must be open and allow God's discipline to strengthen us and build us up ... to **TRAIN** us as God's servants!"

#2) Make **STRAIGHT** your paths.

#3) Pursue **PEACE!**

#4) Pursue **HOLINESS!**

#5) Be alert—be **LOOKING** carefully!

#6) Pull any weeds of **BITTERNESS!**

B) "Bitterness is poisonous; it can **DESTROY** you!"

C) "Anger that won't find a way to **FORGIVE** grows into bitterness; and bitterness destroys!"

#7) Deal **IMMEDIATELY** with your anger.

D) "Even when we are forgiven, there are always **CONSEQUENCES** for our sin!"

E) God's desire, always, is to shake up our lives and shake **LOOSE** everything that is not eternal!

Hebrews 12:12-29 - "The Two Mountains of God!"

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Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Romans 12:18

Matthew 5:8

Hebrews 12:1-2, 15

Luke 15:17-20

Ephesians 4:26

Hebrews 10:10, 14

Acts 4:12

Revelation 21:2

Exodus 3:1-2

Exodus 19:1, 4-5, 12-13, 16-20

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E) "God's desire, always, is to shake up our lives and shake _____ everything that is not eternal!"

The Pharisees were willing to kill Jesus in an attempt to “keep the peace” under Roman rule. Ironically, in 70 AD, Rome crushed a Jewish revolt and destroyed Israel’s “place and nation.” What does this teach you about your “kingdom” or place in this life? In what way(s) might your kingdom be shaken today?

GET PRACTICAL

9) What are you most tempted to rely on or rest in, instead of relying on and resting in God?

10) What can you do this week to pursue peace in the following areas of your life?

Family

Work

Church

Community

11) What do you most need to remember or apply from this week’s message and/or homework?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of April 28, 2024

MY STORY

- 1) What are some examples of things you have pursued in your life?

- 2) What are some ways you actively pursued these things? What sacrifices did you make? What helped you persevere and endure?

QUICK REVIEW

- 3) Looking back at Hebrews 12:12-29 and your notes from this Sunday’s message, what stood out to you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) Hebrews 12:14 told us pursue peace with all people. What are some examples from the Old Testament of somebody pursuing peace in a hostile situation?

What are some practical ways you can pursue peace with others today? (If it helps, come up with a hypothetical scenario, then give ways to respond)

Do you think pursuing peace with (or forgiving) all people allows yourself to be hurt or taken advantage of? Why or why not?

5) Hebrews 12:14 also told us pursue holiness. What are some examples from the Old Testament of somebody pursuing holiness among godless and sinful company?

What are some practical ways you can pursue holiness today? Is this something you ever “accomplish”? Why or why not?

6) What do you think the following quote means?

Jerry Bridges: *"Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace."*

7) As you read the following passage, what do you think the rich young ruler hoped to hear from Jesus?

Mark 10:17-22 - "[17] Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" [18] So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. [19] "You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' " [20] And he answered

and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth." [21] Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." [22] But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions."

How did the young ruler try to achieve God's favor?

Why do you think Jesus brought up the commandments?

What do you think Jesus was teaching this young man?

8) Esau only cared for earthly things. Many of the Pharisees were so focused on the earthly, they missed their Messiah. What stands out to you from the following?

John 11:45-48 - "[45] Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. [46] But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did. [47] Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. [48] "If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.""

Jesus was “shaking things up” - and the Pharisees tried to hold onto their earthly position and political strength. What are some of the things the Pharisees were willing to do, in order to protect their “place and nation”? Did they break any laws or make any compromises?