

## HEBREWS 12:4-13 GROWING BETTER NOT BITTER

Nobody is able to escape hard times & sufferings because we live in a sinful world with all its consequences. Plenty of good and hard come into our lives. Why do some people get bitter after they have gone through hard experiences in their lives?

### Read Hebrews 12:1-13

1. What hard times had the Hebrew Christians faced themselves?  
see Heb 10:32-35

2. As we think about hard times and hardships, Who does this passage call us to consider & Why?

3. Why does God discipline us?

4. How does God discipline us?

5. What is God's discipline in your life evidence of?

6. What does God's Discipline produce or result in?

7. Jesus also spoke of discipline for His followers. see John 15:1-4  
Draw out any similarities in this passage to our Hebrews 12 passage?

Think:

8. How can thinking about Jesus suffering help you face hard times in your own life?

9. What does this passage say about discipline and parenting?  
Is society giving that same message to parents and how is that showing itself?

Discussion:

10. How would you summarize what to expect in the Christian life from this passage?

11. How does this passages' perspective on hardships help you when you are going through tough times?

12. In the light of this passage how would you answer the question, 'How can a loving God allow bad things to happen to us?'

13. Personal :-  
What might God be teaching you through some of the present difficulties you are facing? What does it mean to keep your eyes on Jesus through them?