

## Running With Endurance...together!

Over the summer in our “Gospel in Life” video series, we learned that active participation in a community of believers is an integral part of our Christian walk. Among other things, we gather to think about, discuss, and study God’s Word and live out our Christian faith TOGETHER.

This year, our women’s Bible studies are taking up Hebrews, which tells us:

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”*  
Hebrews 12: 1-2

There is a LOT packed into these two verses, and a LOT of questions cross my mind:

- “Therefore” – What’s the “therefore” there for?
- Who are these “witnesses?”
- I want to ditch the sin that “clings so closely,” but man that is hard sometimes.
- How do I keep my endurance up?
- What is the race set before me?
- Who is Jesus, and how did He perfect my faith (It sure doesn’t feel perfect most days.)?
- How did Jesus have “joy” as he went to the cross?
- What does it mean that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the throne of God?

How about you? Perhaps these questions mirror some of your own, or you may have other thoughts that come to mind. There’s so much to consider... just from these TWO verses located twelve chapters into the book of Hebrews!

Won’t you join us as we dig into Hebrews this fall semester? There are several sessions to choose from, and hopefully one will fit your schedule most weeks.

We can help each other run this race with endurance .... But only as we gather together. Click [here](#) to find out all the details about when and where we will be studying Hebrews... so we can do this TOGETHER!