

Small Group Discussion Guide February 11, 2018

Sermon Title: "A Rewarding Perspective"

Sermon Text: Hebrews 10:32-39 Scripture Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Leader: Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.

Getting Started: What is your first reaction, to see things negatively or positively? Do you see challenges as something to bring you down or an opportunity to develop faith and grow as a person?

Discussion:

- **1.** Take a moment and read Genesis 50:15-21. What perspectives were at play in this passage? How did they impact decisions/actions?
- **2. Remember previous victories** (v 32). How would looking back on such a difficult time be an encouragement? Look up Paul's experience in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. How did he use his challenge?
- **3.** Look forward to better things (v 34, Habakkuk 2:3). What "better things" does our faith make available to us? How can we remain focused on those promises? Browse Revelation 21. Why would you think the Bible would end this way?
- **4. Remain confident** (v 35). Read also Philippians 1:6, 1 John 5:14, and Hebrews 4:16. The writer of Hebrews encourage the readers not to "throw away" their confidence. How is confidence thrown away? How do you hold on to it?
- 5. Continue to do God's will (v 36, 2 Timothy 4:7-8). See Galatians 3:3. Is it easy to continue with God's plan when the reward seems so distant? What does it take to push on toward the finish?
- **6.** Read Philippians 4:8. How does the instruction in this verse apply to how we choose to view things?
- **Closing:** Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.

GO SHARE JESUS!

