



## Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Hebrews 10:32-39

**Overview:** In this passage, the author encourages his readers to press on by faith, even in the face of suffering. He reminds them of God's work in their past, God's promises for their future, and God's will for their present circumstances. This passage shows us how we can live confidently for Christ in a culture that is increasingly opposed to biblical truth.



### Into the Word

**Consider verses 32-34.** What kind of sufferings had these Christians endured? Why do you think they were tempted to “shrink back” from their biblical beliefs? (v. 39)

In verse 32 the author reminds these Christians of God's work in their lives. **Read Hebrews 6:4-5, Acts 26:18, and Ephesians 1:17-18.** Based on these passages, what does it mean to be enlightened by God?

**Resource: Irresistible Grace**

Verse 34 reminds us that our ability to endure hardship comes from our confidence in God's promises. **Consider verse 37.** What has God promised His people? Compare: 1 Peter 1:3-5; 2 Peter 1:3-4



### Into the Heart

Have you ever shrunk back from being known as a Christian or having biblical beliefs? What fear or desire may have been ruling your heart in that moment?

**Resource: The Fear-Driven Life**

How do God's promises for the future address our fears in the present?  
Consider: Matthew 5:10-12



### Into the World

Our faith is strengthened when we recount God's work in our lives and community. Share about how you came to Christ or how God sustained you through a hard season.

How do we experience opposition for our faith today? **Consider verse 34.** How can we respond to opposition with compassion and joy?

Consider: 1 Peter 3:13-17

**Resource: What Only Suffering Can Say**



## **Growth Group Prayer Guide**

*"He always lives to make intercession for them" (Heb 7:25)*

**Use the prayers below to root your prayer for one another in Scripture.**

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, give us (or \_\_\_\_\_) the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of you, having the eyes of our (his, her) heart(s) enlightened, that we (he, she) may know what is the hope to which you have called us (him, her), what are the riches of your glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of your power toward us who believe, according to the working of your great might. (Based on Ephesians 1:17-19)

May we (or \_\_\_\_\_) not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our (his, her) requests be made known to you, O God. And may your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our (his, her) heart(s) and mind(s) in Christ Jesus. (Based on Philippians 4:6-7)

God of hope, fill us (or \_\_\_\_\_) with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we (he, she) may abound in hope. (Based on Romans 15:13)

Lord Jesus Christ, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts (or the heart of \_\_\_\_\_) and establish us (him, her) in every good work and word. (Based on 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

O Lord, help us (or \_\_\_\_\_) always to rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer. (Based on Romans 12:12)

God our Savior, help us (or \_\_\_\_\_) to faithfully intercede in prayer with supplication and thanksgiving for all people in positions of power, that we (he, she) may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way, which is pleasing to you. (Based on 1 Timothy 2:1-3)

*"Prayer is nothing but taking God's promises to him, and saying to him, "Do as thou hast said."  
Prayer is the promise utilized." - Charles Spurgeon*