



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Hebrews 6:4-12

Introduction: What helps an athlete overcome fatigue and finish a game or race well?

Overview: In this passage, the author issues what is perhaps the sternest warning in the New Testament. There is no hope of salvation for those who permanently turn away from Christ. Yet for those who turn back and persevere, there is full assurance of salvation. Ultimately, this passage encourages us to consider the nature of saving faith and to hold fast to Christ even through seasons of external pressure or internal struggle.



Into the Word

Consider verses 4-6. What experiences or behaviors does the author list which are not indicators of one's salvation? Which experience or behavior stands out to you?

Note: The word "share" in verse 4 does not mean inheritance but shared experience.

Compare verses 7-8 with Luke 8:4-15. According to these passages, what are the marks of genuine saving faith?

Resource: What Is the Perseverance of the Saints?

In verses 9-12, the author speaks of the assurance he has of their salvation. Why is the author confident that they will endure? What fruit does the author see in their lives?

Consider: Philippians 1:6



Into the Heart

Are warnings good for our faith? Why or Why Not? How can a warning lead to "full assurance" of our salvation?

Consider: Hebrews 12:6

Where do we tend to look for assurance of our salvation? **Read Hebrews 12:1-2.** How does Jesus' identity as the author and perfecter of our faith change where we look for assurance?

Resource: How Can I Be Sure I'm Saved?



Into the World

Has anyone in your life turned away from Jesus? What can the author of Hebrew teach us about approaching these people? *Pray together for these people.*

Resource: Dealing with Deconstruction

How will deeper assurance of our salvation change how we respond to external pressures or internal struggles?