

HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY’S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday’s teaching, so we can work together on responding to God’s Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

In the past what have you thought was the discipline of the Lord? How did this passage change your thinking?

Do you think the Christian life is supposed to be ease and comfort, or do you understand that the Christian life will be full of trials? Why is this an important question?

Do you agree that this passage teaches that every trial is the discipline of the Lord? Why or why not? What difference would that make?

Why do we think the Lord’s discipline involves punishment? Can you see how the Cross makes that impossible? Why is that so important?

What keeps us from seeing that our trials are an expression of God’s love? Is that what this passage is teaching? Why or why not? What difference does that make?

How do you tend to see flat tires? Sickness? Layoffs? Is Heb 12 saying we should see all these trials as loving training from God? Why or why not?

What trials are you facing right now? How does this passage affect your view of them?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

