



1. _____ TO JESUS' EXAMPLE: HE CROSSED THE FINISH LINE. (1-2)

2. _____ JESUS' SUFFERING: HE ENDURED A GREATER HARDSHIP. (3-4)

3. _____ THE FATHER'S LOVE: HIS DISCIPLINE IS PRODUCING SOMETHING LASTING IN YOU. (5-11)

BREAK-OUT GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. What impacted you the most from tonight's message?
- 2. What is one thing you learned about God tonight that leads you to a greater worship of Him?
- 3. What is one thing you could identify in your life that has kept you from running the race with endurance? Is it a sin to confess and forsake? A weight to lay aside? How does considering Jesus' example motivate you to endure?
- 4. Think of the last time you went through deep suffering. How did you respond? Did the hope of a future with Christ comfort you at all? Did you question God's love at the time - Why or why not? What does the presence of God's discipline in your life indicate about you?

If you're suffering right now, how can you draw near to God and not away from him, in it?
- 5. Open your Bible to 1 Peter 2:19-23 (*Read*). Notice how many times the word "endure" is used. How do these verses encourage you in your "race"? How can you personally apply these verses this week?
- 6. Whether you are suffering or not, spend some time this week thinking about the life to come. And go ahead and close this time in prayer together as a group.