Sermon Questions for PCC Small Groups

**Title: Faith’s Eye on the Finish Line**

**Text:** Hebrews 11:1-12:3

**Series:** Hebrews

**Date Preached:** May 21, 2017

**Introductory Comments:** Pray for the Spirit’s guidance and illumination (that he turns on the light).

Big Idea: ***The Christian life is a race with a starting point, a challenging middle, and a finish. Though the race is long, tiring and difficult, God provides sufficient grace for every part of the race; this grace is accessed by faith that is forward looking to the finish line and its promised reward.***

**Questions:**

1. Reflecting on many of the examples of faith from chapter 11, what evidence is there that faith is “forward-looking” to the finish line? Give some examples.
2. What are the spiritual dangers of focusing all our energies on God’s fulfilled promises to us now as opposed to both now and later?
3. Read vs. 13-16. In what ways are our lives to reflect that our permanent home is not here (pre-resurrection)? What should characterize the life of a resident alien?
4. What evidence is there from chapter 11 that true forward-looking faith takes action? Give some examples from the text. Does this support James’ statement that faith without works is dead?
5. In 12:1, what’s the great cloud of witnesses doing? What makes a witness different from simply a cheering spectator? What’s the nature of “truth” that they’re bearing witness to?
6. What does “fixing our eyes on Jesus” actually look like in real life? How do we do this?