

Oceanside Connect Group Outline
Week of November 6th, 2016



Key Scripture:

1 Corinthians 13:11 (ESV)

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

Hebrews 12:1–2 (ESV)

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Discussion Questions:

Is there a mentality of “running from responsibility” in our culture today? In what ways do you see that lived out?

Matt, on Sunday, said: “Many Christians live with the idea that it’s the pastor’s responsibility for me to grow.” **Do you see truth within this statement? What are its affects?**

Read 1 Cor 13:11. Our walk as Christians is one of constant maturing and growing up into Christ. **Can you think of a childish way that you have given-up on this journey?**

Matt shared: “The Bible says that those who lead will give an account. But, that account is for their life & how they rightly divide the Word of Truth – not how [we] respond to it.” **If those who lead will give an account for what they’ve taught, then what will we, who follow, give an account for?**

How easy is it to respond to a word of correction? What can make it easier?

“If you run with a heavy backpack, and then after a period of time take it off, it can feel like you’re flying”. **How, in periods of sin in your life, have you felt it weigh you down?**

We can sometimes make earthly leaders the focus of our race. **But, how does Hebrews 12:1-2 speak to this? What are the dangers of putting an earthly leader, teaching or latest & greatest book in front of Jesus?**

As a group think of ways that you can: **1) Lay aside every sin. 2) Keep Jesus as the focus. 3) Take on the responsibility of your own maturing & walk.**