

BETTER & BEST
'Don't grow weary'
Hebrews 12:4-13

- why does God allow his people to suffer?

The need for perspective (v4)

The need for discipline (v5-11)

- discipline is for God's children (v5-8)

- discipline is for accepting (v9)

- discipline is for our good (v10-11)

The need for speed (v12-13)



Starter-questions for discussion

? what struck you most in today's sermon / passage? What's the main thing you're going to take away from this?

? what do you make of the Spafford story?

? why is it helpful to think of other Christians who are worse off than we are?

? how would you sum up what God's discipline is? Why is it important to see that God's discipline is not just about punishing us for doing wrong?

? can you relate to the reaction of turning against God when you've been suffering? How do we stop ourselves doing that?

? in what way is suffering for our good?

? how does 'no pain, no gain' apply to the Christian life?

? what keeps us from looking out more for fellow believers who are struggling in the Christian race?

? has this sermon raised any questions in your mind?