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THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

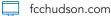
Heb. 4:15 (God's character)

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Monday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read **O**bservations you are making about a passage

Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Getting to Know Me: Share a favorite Easter memory or tradition.

Note About the Passage: Our scripture reading today is at the end of Hebrews 11. This chapter is sometimes called the "Hall of Faith" because it recounts the story of so many Old Testament heroes.

Read Hebrews 11:32-12:2

- **S:** What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit? What makes it stand out do you think?
- O: Why could it is important to be reminded of both stories of victory, and stories where there is no apparent victory on this side of death?
- **O:** Thinking of the context of the passage, what do you think it means that we are "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..."? Who are those witnesses?
- O: Thinking of the context of the the passage, what is your understanding of what those "witnesses" are experiencing right now? How is their perspective different than ours?
- O: What would it look like to lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and to run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus?
- **A:** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A: Is there any weight or sin you need to take steps to lay aside this week, looking to Jesus?
- A: In what areas of your life or in what ways would you like to run the race set before you with endurance, looking to Jesus?
- P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.