

Homegroup Notes for Week Beginning 20/1/2025

'Fix your eyes': Hebrews 12.1-1a



Spend some time before God in prayer...

- What are your eyes fixed on at the beginning of 2025? What dominates your view?

Psalms 46.10 says, *"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*



PRAY together to know God in 2025, for your homegroup to know God together, for Belmont to know God.

On Sunday, we spoke together about getting focused for 2025. The words of Hebrews 12 come as the conclusion of a consideration of faith, as explored in Hebrews 11. That is what the 'Therefore' is there for...



- What would it mean to live by faith in 2025?
- Christian faith is defined in Hebrews 11.1...what is faith?
- Christian faith is faith in Jesus Christ specifically. It is not faith but Jesus who makes the difference...how does this reminder change our understanding of faith?

Read Hebrews 12.1-2a

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.



- Looking at these verses what are we encouraged to do in order to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus? How can we help each other in this?
- What race do you think is marked out for you this year?
- Consider this thought from CS Lewis. *"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."*
 - How does fixing our eyes on Jesus affect our vision more generally-not only seeing Jesus but seeing through Jesus? What might that mean for you practically as a disciple of Jesus? At work, at home and wherever...



PRAY for one another and for your small group.