

Study Guide on Hebrews 12:14-29

English Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Hebrews 12:14-29

(Hebrews 12:14) Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

(Hebrews 12:15) See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

(Hebrews 12:16) that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

(Hebrews 12:17) For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

(Hebrews 12:18) For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest

(Hebrews 12:19) and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

(Hebrews 12:20) For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.”

(Hebrews 12:21) Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”

(Hebrews 12:22) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

(Hebrews 12:23) and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

(Hebrews 12:24) and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

(Hebrews 12:25) See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

(Hebrews 12:26) At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”

(Hebrews 12:27) This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

(Hebrews 12:28) Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

(Hebrews 12:29) for our God is a consuming fire.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?