## Study Guide on Hebrews 12:14-29

**New International 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) Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

(Hebrews 12:15) See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

(Hebrews 12:16) See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.

(Hebrews 12:17) Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

(Hebrews 12:18) You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm;

(Hebrews 12:19) to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them,

(Hebrews 12:20) because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death."

(Hebrews 12:21) The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

(Hebrews 12:22) But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,

(Hebrews 12:23) to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

(Hebrews 12:24) 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 to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?

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

(Hebrews 12:27) The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

(Hebrews 12:28) Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably 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?