

LIFE Group Leader Handout

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Running The Race

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Scripture—Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Main Idea—We Are All Running A Race

Questions:

1. Who's race are you running in? (Proverbs 3:5-6)
2. Is my life about God and others or is it first and foremost about me? (Matthew 22:37-39)
3. Do I need to make major changes or just some adjustments? (Jeremiah 6:16)
4. Am I on the right track and need to just keep on keeping on? (Philippians 2:13)
5. Who cares? (Luke 15:30)
6. Who will help me? (Psalm 107:13-14)
7. What's my motivation? (Mark 12:29-31)

Application—

- Which of the above questions is most important to evaluate my life with the help of God (Psalm 139:23-24) and others (Proverbs 20:18).
- Have I come to the place where I have made a decision to lead the life my Lord has planned for me (Philippians 2:13) and get busy leading that life (Philippians 4:9), with my eyes on the Savior (Hebrews 12:2)?
- How does the fact that my God will finish what He started in my life (Philippians 1:6) bring encouragement to me in my current circumstances?

**HOW TO PRAY FOR THE SEVEN SPHERES
OF INFLUENCE IN AMERICA**
From nationaldayofprayer.org

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday May 3rd. If your group plans to spend your meeting time in prayer this week (it doesn't have to be Thursday!) use this resource as a guide. --Cindy

Government:

- **Federal: Executive, legal, judicial**
- **State: Executive, legal, judicial**
- **Local: Executive, judicial, police and first responders**

Military:

- **Leaders**
- **Divine Protection**
- **Courage and dependence on God**

Media:

- **Truth-bearers**
- **Life-giving**
- **Unity-contributors**

Business:

- **Leaders of integrity**
- **Creators of economic blessing**
- **Givers of resources to the community**

Education:

- **Truth-centered**
- **Excellence driven**
- **Opportunity-afforded**

Church:

- **Gospel-centered in message**
- **Disciple-makers in mission**
- **Spirit-empowered to unity**

Family:

- **Return to the biblical model**
- **Reconciliation in broken relationships**
- **Restoration to love and unity**

