GRACE NOTES

Message: For the Joy Set before Us
Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3
Date: Sunday, January 8, 2017

Hebrews 12:1-3

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, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.
For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Study Notes --

What is the scariest thing you've ever done?
Why was it so scary?
Why did you go through with it?

Thinking back to Sunday's message, what spoke to you, inspired you, encouraged you, challenged you, or confused you?

What are some of the positive things you remember from being part of Grace Fellowship in 2016?

What are your hopes and dreams for our church family in this new year?

Read the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and the Great Commandment (Mark 12:30). How do these words from Jesus motivate you to action?

In what ways have you found joy in doing something difficult or challenging? Was the joy always at the end?

In what ways did Jesus find joy in His ministry on earth?

In Hebrews 12:1-3, we are told that God has laid out a "race" or a "course" before us. With that being the case, what are believers called to do?

What is the danger of not keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus?

What things can entangle us as we live for Christ?

How can we encourage others as they live for Christ?