

Playing the Long Game

Questions to discuss or think about

1. Are you a short-term or long-term thinker? What does that look like to you?
2. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. What is the “therefore” there for?
3. Explain the phrase “we have so great a cloud of witnesses.” Who are they? Are they watching us?
4. What is the difference between an “anything that hinders” and “the sin that entangles?” How might a person encounter each of these in crisis?
5. How might these impact our ability to learn from God in crisis?
6. What is the race that we are in? What does it mean that this race is “set before us?” What kind of race needs endurance?
7. How would you face a crisis differently if you had a short-game focus vs. a long-game focus?
8. How can we fix our eyes on Jesus?
9. Consider the statement, “God will use whatever he chooses not to remove.” Is this a hopeful statement or a negative statement to you?
10. Why is it so important to understand how God continually plays the long game?
11. God plays the long game with both us as individuals as well as with the world. How does this help us when we are in the midst of crisis?

Kids Resources

52 Object Lessons

"52 Object Lessons for Sunday School" on YouTube - The link below features the complete list of all 52 Object Lessons, but if you'd like to use a specific video to compliment a specific sermon, I'm pretty sure you can include a link for each individual video as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL287EEDC48060A778>

"Prayer Walk" (see attached)

This activity not only encourages families to keep their bodies in motion, but to take time to appreciate the world around them and to continue praying together during this difficult season.