Discussion Questions • Hebrews 10:26-39

1. How do you respond to really pointed sermons that talk about God as judge? Why do you respond that way?

2. Why do you think that so many churches in the last number of years have avoided talking about the judgment of God when it is so often mentioned in the Bible?
   a. Are there good reasons for this?
   b. If so, what are they?

3. Why do people fall away from the faith?
   a. How does it tend to happen - in a big moment or little by little?
   b. What motivation to continue would you give to someone who was considering leaving the faith?

4. Are you motivated to keep following Jesus through difficulty by the warning that giving up will result in facing God's judgment (Hebrews 10:26-27)? Why or why not?

5. What does Hebrews 10:26-39 say about the spiritual condition of those who deliberately sin against the very God they claim to submit to as Lord? How is the sin that is described here different than the sin that all Christians continue to struggle with in this life?

6. In Hebrews 10:32-35, the writer wants his readers to remember how they persevered through suffering in the past in order to be encouraged to do it again in the face of their present difficulties.
   a. Do you find this kind of motivation helpful?
   b. Can you recall a time in your past when you persevered through difficulty?
   c. What helped you then?
   d. How does that past experience instruct you on how to face difficulties now?

7. In Hebrews 10:37, the writer reminds his readers that the return of Christ is near. How does the return of Jesus encourage you to persevere in your present trials?

8. How is the list of faithful Christians in Hebrews 11 a motivation for us to continue in the faith?
   a. What did they do that helped them to trust God in the midst of difficulty?
   b. How can we follow their example?

OPTIONAL: Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon?

Wrap Up and Prayer
From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Pray for each other along with other requests.