

## First Week 4 Study Questions

### Read Hebrews 12:1-2

The writer compares living the Christian life with a race. Why is it significant for us to understand that accepting Christ is not crossing the finish line, but just starting the race?

Focusing on the race analogy, discuss the other aspects of these two verses. How do they affect our race? i.e. cloud of witnesses, laying aside every weight and sin, looking to Jesus, etc.

### Read Colossians 2:6-7

Paul begins this verse with the word “therefore.” What is the “therefore” there for? In other words, what is he pointing us back to?

What does it mean to receive Christ Jesus as Lord?

Why is understanding who Jesus is (Christ and Lord) and growing in that understanding essential for the Christian life?

What does it mean to walk in Christ? If you had a friend who received Christ as Lord, but wasn't walking in Christ, how would you counsel them to begin doing so?

How do each of the images “rooted, built up, establish and overflowing” help us understand how we should walk in Christ?

What's your application this week? Do you need . . .

- To seek out advice on how to walk with Christ?
- Accountability?
- Discipline, to be intentional about growing in your faith?
- To sacrifice? What parts of your life are standing in the way of a growing walk with Christ?

**PRAISE/PRAYER: This week, we celebrated the baptism of Leah Hines, Aaron Morrison, Ellie and Lucy Emory, and Ethan Windley. Please take a moment to pray for their continued spiritual growth!**