

Confirmation Week 12 Homework Assignment (1/4/23)

Theme of the Week: The Church and the Cloud of Witnesses

This week we began to turn to a new area of focus: the church. We read a couple of Bible passages about the people who have come before us and shown us true faith through their teachings and how they lived. These people become part of the “great cloud of witnesses that is mentioned in Hebrews 12. These people surround us even after they are gone/out of our lives, and they encourage us when we are struggling.

Complete these two activities to explore this idea further.

ACTIVITY #1: Scripture

1.) Find these passages in your bible, then answer the accompanying questions.

2 Timothy 1:1-14

- Who is mentioned in the story by name? List them

- Is Timothy going through a time of joy or a difficult time? What evidence is there? (*hint: look at verses 3-4*)

- Why do you think Paul mentions Timothy’s mother and grandmother?

Hebrews 12:1-2

- What images of “racing” do you notice in here? Why do you think the author compares our faith to a race? Is racing easy or difficult?

- Members of the early church faced a lot of challenges: there weren’t a lot of them, they were often seen as outcasts/weirdos, and sometimes even faced persecution

and laws were made specifically targeting them. Where might they have needed encouragement? When in your life do you need encouragement?

- The “great cloud of witnesses mentioned are people who came before who saw the faith, knew what it demanded of them, and persevered. These witnesses might have been grandparents and parents (like with Timothy) or friends, neighbors, or mentors. All of them watch over these people, encourage them, and help show them the right way to go. Watch this short video about what the word “witness” means in the Bible. [“Witness – The Bible Project”](#)

ACTIVITY #2: Your Own Witness Cloud

In the cloud below, write the names of at least 5 people who are in your “cloud of witnesses.” They might be parents, grandparents, neighbors, or mentors. Then under each name, write a sentence about how they have guided your faith or the way you live your life.

