LifeGroup Questions for the week of May 5, 2019
"The Father's Loving Discipline" Hebrews 12:5-11

1. As you recall your childhood, what area of discipline was particularly difficult for you to endure, or what lesson took a long time for you to learn?

2. Of the three treasures held inside DISCIPLINE, which has been the most difficult for you to remember during your times of trial? Why do you think that is?
   - *We know we have a Father who loves us*
   - *We know our Father has a purpose for our suffering*
   - *We know our Father will end our suffering*

3. In our attempts to comfort or encourage a fellow Christian who is experiencing suffering, we sometimes do more harm than good. According to Hebrews, in what ways do we exhort a brother/sister in Christ to "not regard lightly" or "not grow weary" in the midst of suffering without minimizing the reality of their suffering?

4. For parents, how have you learned to discern the difference between punishment and discipline in your parenting? Why is that distinction important? What advice would you offer to young parents on disciplining their children in love, not anger?

5. In light of the reality of suffering in all our lives, why are we tempted to hide our pain from others and "put on a happy face"? How might acknowledging suffering for what it is strengthen our worship and fellowship as a church?