

RUNNING

STARTER



## A RUNNING START

**SCRIPTURES:** Hebrews 12:1, 1Corin. 9:24; Psalm 78:9-10; Exodus 12:1-13

**Ice Breaker:** Reflect on 2022. What were the highs and lows of the year? Look ahead to 2023, what is the word or vision God has given you for the year? Take time to pray for God to speak clearly about YOUR race for 2023.

## Message Notes:

- **Why don't we run the race to which we were called?**
  1. We want it all figured out.
  2. We're waiting for the time to be perfect.
  3. We're waiting for more confirmations to conquer our fear.
  4. We think we have more time.
  5. We don't feel good enough or look good enough
- **How do we prepare for the race of 2023:**
  1. Get Dressed!
  2. Get Armed!
  3. Get Hungry!
  4. Get Running!

## What's Coming Up:

## Questions:

1. Read Psalm 78:9-10. Reflecting on why we don't run our race, which of the reasons listed above has you "equipped but not dangerous?"
2. Read Heb 12:1 and 1Corin. 9:24, how do these scriptures encourage you?
3. Read the Passover account in Exodus 12:1-13. What specific ways does God teach us, through Exodus, to prepare to go? What ways are you prepared? What areas do you need to prepare?

## Prayer:

Pray Hebrews 12:1-2 out loud together. Pray about Pursuit week, about fasting, how would God have YOU begin the race with HIM this year?

- **JAN 4-7** - Pursuit Week
- **JAN 14** - SERVE Saturday
- **JAN 22** - VISION Sunday / Baptisms
- **JAN 23** - Man Night
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