

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



**PRINCE
OF PEACE**
Called to Connect



Covered

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2000 years ago Jesus put a song in the heart of the early church that has been passed down and sung from generation to generation. Each generation has “covered” this song of faith in their own way; playing creatively, exploring new rhythms, improvising, but keeping the heart of the message the same. We, too, are called to steward this song of faith; always singing the song of faith wherever God call us to sing it today.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: HEBREWS 12:1-3

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

The writer of the book of Hebrews, in chapter 12 - calls us to express gratitude for those who have blazed the trail for the rest of us, challenging us to sing the song with gratitude and courage, and to put our faith in Christ! After providing a long list of faithful followers of God through the generations, the writer of Hebrews continues with a great challenge in chapter 12. In our “Covered” Series, we’ve explored the ways each of us can bring our own unique contributions or “covers” to the stewardship of the song of faith. Some of us cover it with acts of grateful service. Others of us cover it by courageously responding to the needs of people near and far. Still others of us cover the song of faith through our faithful generosity. Today, think about what it means to be grateful, courageous and faithful stewards of the song of faith as we press ahead into playing our part in all that God is up to here.

Whenever we read this passage from Hebrews, think of all of those who came before us in this place. Let’s consider this: we’re responding to God’s call to sing the song of faith today because so many others responded to God’s call to sing the song of faith before us. We sing now because they sang then. The challenge before us is to sing the song of faith with gratitude, courage and faithfulness so that the next generation can do the same.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about a tradition in your family that has been passed down generation to generation.
- How does it feel to know you have a cloud of witnesses cheering you on as we “cover” the song of Jesus?
- What is a legacy you hope to leave for the generations to come?
- What is one step you can take to stretch yourself to lean deeper into stewardship?

APPLICATION: This week, consider how God has called you to play your part in the symphony, God’s song of faith in our world. What is one thing you can do to use your gifts to play your part?