

All In Men (AIM) Fall Meet Up #1, Oct 12, 2021: **Upstream**

Introductions: have all share name, location, and a good memory from this summer.

Read Hebrews 12:1-3 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners**, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

1. What was something that stood out to you in a personal way during Jason's talk?
2. Where in our lives as men are we so easily persuaded to follow the flow of the world? Get a few answers and then **Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 below**
3. Jason related repentance as a decision to turn and follow Jesus upstream against the flow of the world. What are some "persistent oppositions" we have personally experienced or been able to overcome? **Read Psalm 34:19 below**
4. Spend time discussing who or what is the authority in our lives? Who can set us free? What power do we have to overcome the pervasiveness of the world?
5. Close in prayer together. Ask God to show us where the obstacles or strongholds are in our walk with him. Ask for the Holy Spirit's help to move upstream, in contrast to the world's direction. Trade contact info so you can pray for each other this week.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

Psalm 34:19 *Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.*

2 Chronicles 20:17 You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you.