



HEBREWS CHAPTER 3 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Week of 9/19/21

Read Hebrews chapter 3 as a group before discussing the questions below. We strongly recommend picking only a few rather than trying to answer them all...answering just a few can set your group up for a deeper, more meaningful discussion. ***For this week, question 6 is one that we hope every group will include as it is the central issue of the chapter.***

Potential Icebreaker: What famous examples can you name of builders, artists, or entrepreneurs who have "built" or created something great? How does their glory or prestige compare with that of those who came after them to maintain, preserve, or develop what was created?

1. The author of Hebrews addresses the listeners as "holy brothers [and sisters]." What comes to mind when you hear the word *holy*?

How could these people...and we ourselves...qualify as being *holy*?

2. Like Jesus, Moses was revered for his faithfulness (v. 2). Why, though, has Jesus "been counted worthy of more glory than Moses" according to these first 6 verses?

3. Christ is the faithful son over God's house. What do you think it means in verse 6 that "we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope"?

4. Take a minute to read Psalm 95. What is the "rebellion" spoken of in the psalm? (See Numbers 13-14 if you're not sure.) Why were these events from over 1,200 years earlier still relevant for these first century believers?

What about for us? Do we face a similar danger? If so, how?

5. What do you think it means for people to "harden their hearts" like verses 8 and 15 warn against?

6. From the passage, how should we guard against having "an evil, unbelieving heart, leading [us] to fall away from the living God" (v. 12)? What are you doing to guard against this in your life right now? Is there an action you should take?

7. If you're familiar with the Exodus account, think of all God's miracles witnessed by that generation. Verses 16-19 point out how this was the same generation who rebelled! What does this say about the claim sometimes made that "I would believe if only God would show a sign"?

8. Verses 17-19 tell us that the Israelites' unbelief was at the root of their sin or rebellion. What do you think the relationship is between sin and unbelief? Perhaps it's helpful to think through examples of sin and examine how that sin relates to unbelief.