

Use this quide to help your community group engage further with this week's sermon.

## Do Not Harden Your Hearts! (Hebrews 3:17-19) June 29, 2025

- 1. Consider one of these questions to start your conversation:
  - a. What stood out to you from this sermon/passage?
  - b. Can you think of a moment when someone encouraged and/or warned you during a tough time? How did that impact you?
- 2. Discuss the source of a hardened heart (vv. 7-11):
  - a. In what situations did the Israelites harden their hearts (read also Exodus 17:1-15 and Psalm 95)?
  - b. Why do people harden their hearts during trials and temptations?
  - c. According to v. 10, where does a hard heart start?
  - d. What are some ways your heart can go astray?
- 3. Discuss the danger of a hardened heart (v. 12):
  - a. What words describe a hardened heart in this verse (also in Ex. 17 and Ps. 95)?
  - b. What can a hardened heart lead to?
  - c. How can someone know they're in danger of falling away?
  - d. What can a Christian do if they sense they are falling away?
- 4. Discuss the importance of exhorting one another (vv. 14-15):
  - a. How often should Christians exhort one another? Why is this frequency necessary? What can happen if we don't?
  - b. Is it possible and/or wise to be a healthy Christian without a community of Christian brothers and sisters?
  - c. How can a Christian community help us persevere in our faith?
- 5. How could someone meaningfully encourage you in your faith this week? How can you meaningfully encourage someone in their faith this week?
- 6. Pray for one another and read Psalm 95 together.