

Jesus is Bigger than Unbelief...

SMALL GROUP NOTES

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Theme

On Sunday John showed how hardness of heart can stop us enjoying what God has for us. But there is a promised land that God can bring us into... through Jesus.

Scriptures

Main passage is Hebrews Ch3 v7 – Ch4 v13. The quote included in this comes from Psalm 95 – a pattern for corporate worship.

Outline

The Problem - Psalm 95 shows that God speaks to us during worship and says “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts”. Hebrews echoes this message and warns that hardness of heart leads to unbelief...which is sin. This can then prevent us (as happened to the Children of Israel) from entering the “Rest” that God has for us i.e. a place of victory, of provision, of security and fulfilment on this earth Today....a stopping in God.

The Promise – Jesus is the source, the solution and the entry to this rest. Firstly, Sabbath (salvation) Rest every day out of Egypt because of the cross and submission (Canaan) rest as we let go and let his will be done. There is another rest... and eternal rest when we will see him fully

How? – A) We confess our sin. B) We make every effort 4v11. C) We encourage one another Ch3 v13. AND we do them all TODAY

Questions for discussion

1. What stops us hearing God's voice?
2. Share areas of your own life where hardness has come in
3. Share testimonies of breakthrough.
4. Effort and rest seem opposites. How do they work together?
5. How can we encourage one another to prevent hardness coming in our lives?

Tags

Rest, Hardness of heart, Unbelief, Sin, Forgiveness, redemption, restoration