


## LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Message Series:** Better: A Study of Hebrews  
**Message Title:** Better Than Moses  
**Speaker:** Lance Burch  
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This is  
a busy month.  
Don't miss anything!

### UP NEXT

- **Big Live Celebration** - We will be having a church-wide celebration service on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Reality Church. This will be a fun time of games, music, and celebration from the weekend's activities. *We will only have the one church service at 5:00pm that day. Our regular church service times will be cancelled.*
- **Launch** - *Launch* is a new "Inside Out" sermon series focusing our desire to build out the building in order to launch the next generation of kids and students. Please be in prayer as the church comes together to accomplish this goal.
- **Inside Out Gala** - Part of *Launch* is the Inside Out Gala on October 14th. Come join us for a free evening of food, entertainment, and auctions. Register online at [reality.church/events](http://reality.church/events). In addition, there will be a raffle and five lucky winners will win prizes ranging from 50 dollars to 2,000 dollars cash! Donations are still being accepted for the Gala. See the event page online for more information.
- **Special Needs Ministry** - Reality Kids is looking for adults who are interested in helping kids with special needs during services. If you have any interest at all please email Daniel Harder at [daniel.harder@reality.church](mailto:daniel.harder@reality.church). There will be an informational/training meeting on Sunday, Sept 18 during the 10:45 service. Contacting Daniel or attending the training does not obligate you to serve. Please come learn more!
- **Halloween Bash Video** - We are asking all of our Life Groups to help us create the greatest Bash video of all time. Visit [reality.church/bash](http://reality.church/bash) for all the necessary information and to download this year's Bash song.

### MAIN IDEA

Obsession with Jesus is healthy, obsession with anything else is sick.

### INTRODUCTION

- This is your first week of Life Groups. Spend the majority of the time getting to know everyone, welcoming new members, etc.
- Be sure to cover the 'Life Group Agreement' and take time to share what everyone wants to get out of Life Groups this year. The *Life Group Agreement* can be found on [reality.church/lifegroups](http://reality.church/lifegroups)
- In order to get the overall context of this week's sermon, read [Hebrews 3:1-4:13](#).
- Next to Abraham, Moses was the man most revered by the Jewish people (the audience of Hebrews). For the Hebrews to return to living by The Law meant a return to following Moses. After all, the entire system of Jewish religion came through Moses, so therefore, it was important for the author to convince his readers that Jesus Christ was better than Moses.

### DISCUSSION

- Take a few minutes and discuss who your heroes are (these can be sports heroes, business heroes, spiritual heroes, etc).
- Lance said, "Imitating our heroes is a dead end," why would that be true?
- Have someone read ([Hebrews 3:1-2](#))
- Who is the obvious audience based on verse 1?
  - Why do you think the Jewish people revered Moses so much? Were they wrong to do so?

- Who do you think holds authority in the minds of people today when it comes to Church and Religion? (*The Pope, Pastors, your spiritual Grandma, etc?*)
- What made Jesus better than Moses as far as humanity goes?
  - *Hint: Moses was a mere man called to be a prophet and leader, while Jesus is the Son of God sent by the Father into the world.*
- Have someone read **(Hebrews 3:3-6)**
  - Why does the author use the word “house” so many times? What is “house” referring to?
    - *Hint: Moses was a servant in the house, while Jesus Christ is a Son over the house. In other words, Moses was a member of the household, but Jesus built the house!*
  - If you were an early Jewish believer tempted to return to following Moses, which argument would be most powerful to you?
    - 1) That Moses was a Prophet who spoke of things to come, or
    - 2) That Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of those things to come?
- Have someone re-read **(Hebrews 3:6)**
  - Does this verse make it sound like we as Christians must keep ourselves saved?
    - *If so, then this would contradict the major theme of Hebrews (which is the finished work of Christ and His ability to guarantee our salvation. See **Hebrews 8:6b**)*
  - What then, is the author suggesting by this apparent “if” clause?
    - *Hint: The author is affirming that those who hold fast their confidence and hope are proving that they are truly born again.*
  - **Multiple Choice Question:** What should a believer do when they come across a verse in the Bible that seems to contradict what is generally accepted by Christians?
    - A) Believe the verse as fact without any other context and then use that verse to bash other believers.
    - B) Facebook message a Pastor late at night and ask for an immediate answer.
    - C) Allow what is clear in the Bible to help interpret what is unclear.
- The main message of (Hebrews 3:7-4:13) is how the Israelites failed to enter the Promised Land under Moses’ leadership (Numbers 13-14). Moses could not get them to the Promised Land, it would take Joshua to accomplish that. Joshua, is a foreshadowing for Jesus. Their names basically mean the same thing.
  - Why do you think the author used the argument that Jesus was able to do for us what Moses could not do for the Israelites?
  - Throughout this passage, the author repeatedly reminds us not to “harden our hearts” like the Israelites did in the Old Testament. How do we ‘harden our hearts towards Jesus Christ’ today?
  - The Israelites were quick to forget God’s promises, why are we so quick to turn away from God’s promises to us?

### **APPLY IT** .....

- Lance challenged us all to add a time (15 minutes to begin) to our day that doesn’t have anything else in mind except focusing on Jesus. Remove all distractions and spend time ‘obsessing’ with Jesus.
- We are also encouraged to read through Hebrews. (If you prefer you can have it read to you by using our Reality Church mobile app).

### **NEXT STEPS** .....

- For the next three weeks we will be discussing Hebrews chapters 1-8. We encourage everyone to read that section of Hebrews. Doing so, will help you get a better context for the sermons and ultimately the Life Group discussions.