



HEBREWS

**GREATER THAN**

**Hebrews** (Sept. 6 to Nov. 8: One Book. Three Series)

*In Hebrews, we see three major — and continual — themes. First, Jesus Christ is greater than any angel, priest, or old covenant practice. Second, Christians must not forsake the great salvation that Jesus has brought about. And third, believers must hold on by faith to the true rest found in Christ, and must encourage others in the church to do the same.*

## Group Discussion

*Main Text:*

*Hebrews 3:1-4:13*

1. Read Hebrews 3:7. Hebrews warns us not to harden our hearts toward God. Here are a few things that may be hardening your heart. How are you doing with each of these?
  - **Your heart might be hardening when God keeps having to tell you the same stuff over and over again.** What truth from God have you heard over and over, but you have yet to apply it to your life?
  - **Your heart might be hardening if God is at work in your life and yet you still complain all the time.** Do you celebrate others or criticize others more often? Are you more likely to encourage or correct?
  - **Your heart might be hardening if you struggle with empathy.** Does your heart break for the same things the break God's heart? Who are the people you walk with through pain and sadness?
  - **Your heart might be hardening if your response to truth stirs up a defensive spirit.** Do you invite truth to be spoken into your life? Who has access to speak truth to you? How do you get defensive?

- **Your heart might be hardening if it's getting easier to do wrong as apposed to right.** Is sin getting easier? Are you more or less convicted when you do wrong?

2. Just as there are things that can harden our heart, there are things that help soften our heart. How are you doing with each of these?

- **Remain focused on Jesus.** Are you looking to Jesus for your hope or other things?

- **Live in obedience.** When was a time you were obedient to God, and how did this grow your faith?

- **Don't indulge in sinful behavior.** Are there any sins you try to justify or rationalize?

- **Surround yourself with Christian community.** Who are the Christians that have access to your life? Is there anyone in your life that you don't keep any secrets from?

- **Get in God's word.** Read Hebrews 4:12. Are you spending regular daily time in scripture? Are you humbly asking God to speak to you through his word?

## Next Steps

Which of these would be most helpful for you to apply to your life? When will you?



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