

## Hebrews 4:11-13 Discussion Guide

### Begin with a discussion of assurance & eternal security:

- **From the message:** Eternal security and assurance are very clearly affirmed, for example, in Romans 5:1-11 and Romans 8:18-39, and in Jesus's promises for his disciples in John 6:39-40, 44 and John 10:25-30.  
Even in Hebrews there are powerful words of encouragement and assurance and it is all rooted in God's faithfulness (Heb. 2:10; 6:10-20).  
And we know that Christians will at times be unfaithful. We know that we will sin, that we know that we have Christ as our advocate.
- **The Bible is abundantly clear on the issue of eternal security:**
  - **John 6:47** states that He who believes has eternal life; and later assures us that no one can snatch us out of His hand (10:27-30).
  - **Romans 8:29,30** reminds us that the salvation process is not incomplete, He finishes the work!
  - In **Ephesians 1:13-14**, Paul states that we are in Christ, sealed and the Holy Spirit is our guarantee!
- **How does 1 John 2:19 relate to this?**

**Matt stated that "You can't take Christ as Savior and reject Him as Lord" What does that mean? Does our life look different if Christ is the Lord of our lives? Explain.**

**Is Christ worthy of our lives? Name some reasons why He is:** (See this summary of Christ superiority in Hebrews<sup>1</sup>).

*"Tomorrow is the devil's day, but today is God's. Satan does not care how spiritual your intentions are, or how holy your resolutions, if only they are determined to be done tomorrow."* – J C Ryle

**Is the Bible important to you? Read and discuss Psalm 19:7-11**

**Do you have a Bible reading plan or study? Any tips for getting the most out of God's word, that you can share with the group?**

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- <sup>1</sup> **Hebrews demonstrates Christ as superior to:**
    - The prophets 1: 1-3,
    - Angels 1:4 – 2:18
    - Moses 3-4:16
    - Joshua and Aaron 5:1-6:12
    - Abraham 6:13-20
  - **The superiority of Christ is shown in His Priesthood and covenant, and His sanctuary and sacrifice.**
  - **We even see the superiority of Christ in the repeated "key words":**
    - Perfect – mentioned 14 times.
    - Eternal – mentioned 15 times.
    - Better – mentioned 13 times.
    - Priest/High Priest – mentioned 32 times.
    - Heaven – mentioned 16 times – Realities of NT faith not earthly in nature.
    - Faith – mentioned 31 times (24 times in chapter 11 alone)
  - **Hebrews also has many names and titles for Christ that show His superiority:** Author, Apostle, Captain, Christ, Finisher, Firstborn, Forerunner, God, Heir, High Priest, Lord, Mediator, Shepherd, Son and Surety.