

HEBREWS

STUDY 04 – HEB 3:1-19



Read Hebrews 3:1-6

1. What reasons are we given in these verses to 'fix our thoughts on Jesus'?

He has proven himself to be faithful to God, and he is demonstrated to be greater than Moses.

2. What do you think it means that Jesus is our:

- a. 'apostle' – *He is someone who was sent by the Father to bring us good news.*
- b. 'high priest' – *He offered himself in order to redeem and to reconcile.*

3. Compare and contrast Moses' and Jesus' role within God's house.

- a. Moses – *He is a servant IN God's house.*
- b. Jesus – *He is OVER God's house.*

(Note that both are faithful)

4. How do we fit into this image of 'God's house'?

We in fact ARE God's house.

- a. What does this mean?

As the people of God we together form this image of the 'house of God'.

Share with the person next to you some ways in which you need to 'fix your thoughts' more on Jesus, and then **pray** with them about this.



Read Psalm 95

5. What are some of the things about God that bring joy to the Psalmist?

This question is simply a matter of comprehension. There are many things listed in the Psalm that bring joy. There is no need to focus on any of them in particular. This question acts as a base for Q6.



Read Hebrews 3:7-4:1

6. What is the point that the writer of Hebrews is trying to make by quoting Psalm 95?

He is demonstrating the foolishness of the Israelites who knew the Lord and took joy in Him, yet choose to harden their hearts against him. He is emphasising the consequences of rebellion against God.

7. What do you think is the 'rest' that is referred to? (much more on this next week)

For those whom the Psalm was written for → the Promised Land.

For believers today → heaven.

8. In what ways do you see people around you hardening their hearts to Jesus?

A chance to think about our immediate situation. This should generate some good discussion of ways in which people reject God.

9. What is the danger for us as Christians?

We too face the danger that we will harden our hearts to Jesus and the message of the gospel. Sin is deceitful and can catch us off guard.

a. What are we urged to do about this danger?

*We are urged to hold firmly to the end, and to encourage one another (as long as it is called 'today' – which it always is). It is something we should **always** be doing.*

Sin, this passage says, is deceitful – it hardens our hearts so that we become disobedient and unbelieving.

10. Consider and write down some areas of your life in which you see this occurring.

A chance for practical, personal reflection and application.

As a group **pray** that we all would hold firmly to our faith and confidence in Christ to the end, and that we would not fall into unbelief and disobedience.