

A STUDY IN HEBREWS

week 3: Hebrews 3:1-4:13

INTRODUCTION

Moses faithfully fulfilled His God appointed roles as deliverer from slavery in Egypt, exodus leader and lawgiver. The writer of Hebrews recognizes Jesus as greater than Moses in that he delivers his people from the greater slavery of sin and death and provides the way to the promised eternal rest of God.

Personal application from the Sunday Service:

Ice Breaker: When/how/where do you feel most at rest?

WEEK 3

Theme: Jesus is Superior to Moses

- Read Heb 3:1-6
- Numbers 12:6-8
- Numbers 12:3
- Jude 1:9

According to these scriptures, what is so special about Moses?

What can we learn from the faithfulness of Moses?

According to Hebrews 3:1-6, how/why is Jesus greater than Moses?

Warning #2 – The Danger of Unbelief – Read 3:7-17

"And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory." (Hebrews 3:6)

What if we don't hold firmly to our confidence and hope? The author answers by quoting Psalm 95, which recalls the story of the Israelites faithlessness after their deliverance from Egypt. Read 3:7-19 at least twice, once silently and once aloud. Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through these words

How does an sinful, unbelieving heart manifest itself (i.e. what are the symptoms of a hard heart)? (v.12)

How can we encourage each other to greater faith? (v.13) Do you have a personal example? If so, please share it

Why were those who were offered God's rest unable to enter it? (v. 14-19). What is the warning there for us?

It's clear by these strong words that God considers doubt (lack of faith) a big problem. Consider how seriously you personally take disobedience and unfaithfulness. What is a positive and a negative example from your life?

A Sabbath Rest for God's People – Read Heb 4:1 – 13

What does God's rest look like? (v. 4, v.9-11)?

What would being able to experience God's rest mean to your life right now? What needs to change for this to happen?

What does it mean that the word of God is active and alive?

What does v. 13 reveal about God and his character?
