



HEBREWS CHAPTER 3 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- What is one of the most important material possessions you have and why? Who is one of the most important people to you in this world and why?

Opening Prayer

- Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Tell the Story

- PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Hebrews 3:1-19)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you have to get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.

Hebrews 3:1-6

- Why do you think the author of Hebrews found it necessary to teach and declare that Jesus was and is better than Moses?
 - In Jewish circles, there was no one outside of Moses who was closer to God, especially in light of what is said about the relationship between God and Moses in Exodus 33:11. The author of Hebrews wanted his audience to understand that even in the midst of the close relationship that Moses and God had, it was nothing in comparison to the relationship that Jesus has with God.
 - Do all of the relationships in your life pale in comparison to the relationship you have with Jesus? How do you know?

- These are opinion and perspective questions so please listen as the facilitator.

- What do you think it means to share in a heavenly calling with other brothers and sisters and why do you think it is important for disciples of Jesus to remember that they do share in this heavenly calling with other brothers and sisters?
 - These are perspective and opinion questions so please listen as the facilitator.

- In verse Hebrews 3:3, the author of Hebrews encourages/exhorts the readers to “consider” (English Standard Version), “fix” (New International Version), “take a good hard look” (The Message) at Jesus. Why does he use this language?
 - In using this language/word choice, the author is challenging his readers to concentrate their full attention on Jesus in any and every situation and in every single moment of every single day. Their attention shouldn’t involve distracted and disengaged glances but deeply engaged thoughtfulness and consideration.
 - In what ways is it difficult for you to daily and moment by moment fix your attention on Jesus?
 - This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.

- What is meant by Jesus being our high priest and why is this important to understand?
 - The priest is the individual who is the bridge builder between God and man. To do that, the individual must know both man and God. He must be able to speak to God for men and to speak to men for God. Jesus is the perfect High Priest because he was one hundred percent man and one hundred percent God when He walked the face of this earth. He is the one person through whom man comes to God and God comes to man. This is important for us to understand because Jesus isn’t just our Savior, but He is also the one who reveals God to us and who is continually interceding on our behalf.

Hebrews 3:7-19

- In what ways do you believe that you have hardened your heart to the voice of God? Why? What can you do about this?

- These are opinion and perspective questions so please listen as the facilitator.
- In light of Hebrews 3:12-13, how important is it to daily encourage brothers and sisters?
 - The author of Hebrews wants his audience to understand that no one is immune from sin, discouragement, and falling away from God. It doesn't matter how strong they are or appear. The importance of disciples of Jesus continually and consistently encouraging each other cannot be emphasized enough. We as disciples of Jesus need to constantly be thinking about and acting upon the importance of encouraging other disciples in their lives and walks with Jesus.
- How can remembering what Jesus has done for you in the past help you to live more faithfully for Him in the present? What is the danger in not remembering?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time
- Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week (Hebrews Chapter 4)



HEBREWS CHAPTER 3 (STUDENT)

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Opening Prayer

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Tell the Story

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