

Hebrews 3: January 29, 2017. We will study the questions that are in **bold** and underlined

1. **Read 3:1-6 What does the writer emphasize about Jesus that would encourage us to “fix our thoughts” on him (v. 1), and “hold on” to our courage and hope (v. 6)?**

**2. Why is it important to “fix your thoughts” on Jesus? What are some of the things that are presently distracting you from fixing your thoughts on Jesus?**

3. How do you think first century Jewish Christians would have reacted to Hebrews 3:3? Why would it be essential for the Hebrews to be convinced that Jesus is greater than Moses (vv 2-6)?

4. Read Heb 3:7-19. Summarize Heb 3:7-11 in terms of cause (vvs 8-9) and effect (3:10-11).

5. In what ways might Christians “test and try” God (v. 9)? Why?

6. Verses 12-19 feature a warning based on the OT passage quoted in vv 7-11. Who is this warning for? What is the nature of the warning? What will be the result of ignoring the warning?

**7. VS 12 What is the warning in this verse? What actions are believers to be mindful of?**

**8. VS 13 Why is it so important to encourage one another daily? If we lived mindful of this verse, how would our interactions with others and our relationships be strengthened?**

9. VS 14 If a person has come to “share in Christ”, what outward evidence will be shown?

10. VS 15-19 Why and how did God judge the Israelites whom Moses led out of Egypt? How should this motivate the Hebrews readers (and us) to respond to distressing circumstances?

**11. Review the facts about the hardhearted (vv 8, 10, 12-13, 15-18). What qualities separate people with hard hearts from those w/ faithful, believing hearts? Which aspects of this lifestyle come closest to your experience?**

**12. What verses of Chapter 3 would you like to concentrate on for application in your life this week?**