



# Better (Hebrews)

Sermon Questions | 11.23.14

## Opener

Describe a time when you lost interest in something that was once significant to you. What caused the drift in your interest?

## Read

Hebrews 3:7-11

Hebrews 3:12-19

## Engaging with God in a Group

Read Hebrews 3:7-11. God warns against the hardening of one's heart. According to this text, how does one's heart become hardened?

Because of the Israelite's rebellion and hardening of their heart, they were prevented from receiving God's rest (verse 11). What is the rest that God provides – both now and in the future?

Read Hebrews 3:12-19. Pete mentioned that this text speaks to both believers and non-believers. In verse 12, the ones that have "a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God" are probably not believers because believers are not described in this manner. What are some things that can make a person want to turn away from God?

According to verse 13, why is gathering together as the church so important? How has gathering as the church helped you in your own spiritual journey?

The Holy Spirit pleads with us to not harden our hearts. Is there anything happening in your life right now that is causing your heart to harden?

How can the church encourage you to not harden your heart but to instead experience Life in Christ?

## **Engaging with God Alone**

How is your heart? Have you given your heart to Jesus? Are you resting in Christ's finished work for you on the cross or are you trusting in something else to bring you rest? Examine your heart and ask God to show you anything that should change so that you can experience Life fully in Christ.

## **Closing thoughts and prayer**

Lord, protect our hearts from hardening against you. Bring us your promised rest.