

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Hebrews: "Greater"

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Message: God's Greater Rest

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Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:1-2a NIV

Long ago in many ways and at many times God's prophets spoke his message to our ancestors. But now at last, God sent his Son to bring his message to us.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: God offers His ultimate rest for those who hold fast to their confession in Jesus.

Read Hebrews 4

1. The author is providing a warning to the people about hearing good news and then doing nothing about it. Evangelism question: considering the Wilderness Generation saw miraculous signs but didn't have faith in God, how can we make our Gospel message compelling?
2. Canaan is a symbol of a greater future rest. What does the concept of "rest" in Hebrews 4 mean to you personally? How do you differentiate between physical rest and the spiritual rest mentioned in this passage?
3. How do you see the role of faith and obedience in experiencing God's promised rest? What is the correlation between faith/obedience and unbelief/disobedience? How do a person's actions reveal what they truly believe?



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4. What does it look like for you to "make every effort to enter that rest?" What changes would you like to make to prioritize your spiritual development? How can you balance the fear of missing God's rest with the confidence of approaching His throne of grace?
5. Just like God rested on the seventh day, we are commanded to physically rest. Why is this often looked at as a suggestion instead of a command? If you were to be obedient to this command, what would look different in your life? What obstacles do you see in being able to live this out and how can you take steps to overcome them?
6. Discuss the attributes of God's Word as expressed in v.12-13. Share a time when you have felt the penetrating power of God's Word. God cutting the sin out of our life is a good thing. What needs to change in your heart to become a servant who willingly exposes yourself to God's cosmic scalpel? How does God's word challenge your thoughts, attitudes, and actions?
7. Holding fast to our confession is not something that is done passively. How do you actively hold fast to your faith? What intentionality have you built into your spiritual walk? If you could pick one practice that has been most helpful that you would encourage others to do, what would it be?
8. Reflect on how Jesus was tempted in every way we are. How does this impact your view of Him? In what ways can you draw strength/wisdom from the example Jesus set when facing your own temptations? How do you see God's strength being made perfect in your weaknesses?



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