## Draw Near: The Gospel According to Hebrews

Jesus: The Redeemer

**HEBREWS 3:1-19** 

## SETTING THE SCENE

The writer of Hebrews points back to Moses—the leader God raised up to rescue his people from slavery and lead them to a new home.

But Moses was just a glimpse. Jesus is the true redeemer—the one who brings real freedom. Not from Pharaoh, but from the grip of sin.

Through his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus leads us out of fear and shame and into a life of hope, trust, and rest. This is the life he offers, if we listen and follow.

## **SCRIPTURE**

1 Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, 2 who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. 3 For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. 4 (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) 5 Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, 6 but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,

"Today, if you hear his voice, 8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness, 9 where your fathers put me to the test and saw my works for forty years. 10 Therefore I was provoked with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart; they have not known my ways.' 11 As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest.""



Jesus is our redeemer. He sets us free from sin—not just the guilt, but the power it holds over us. We've been brought into something new: a life of freedom, forgiveness, and belonging in his kingdom.

12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. 15 As it is said,

"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

16 For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?

17 And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? 19 So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.



## DISCIPLESHIP GROUP GUIDELINES

- Safe Group: We strive for an environment where everyone can be open, and honest about his or her struggles and victories.
- Confidentiality: What is said in the group stays in the group.
- Listen: We want to value one another by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond while someone is sharing.
- Pause: Allowing a pause in the conversation after one person shares and before the next person shares gives the person sharing a chance to finish. A pause also gives the group an opportunity to consider before responding.
- Silence: It is important to allow silence in the group as it provides an opportunity for people to think deeply, to gather their thoughts in order to share, and to genuinely consider what others have shared.
- One Conversation at a Time: Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.
- No Fixing: We are not here to fix each other; Jesus does that part. Give encouragement and ask questions, but try not to solve or fix one another.
- No Rescuing: When people are sharing something deeply personal, please resist the tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or their situation by providing immediate condolences. This will often cause people to stop sharing.
- Be Curious: By asking the next question, we communicate genuine interest. We keep the conversation moving forward while building relationships and intimacy.
- Be Self-Aware: Be mindful of how you are personally affecting the small group environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication. Be sensitive about the amount of time you share, whether too much (dominating) or not enough (hiding).
- Use "I" Statements: It is very easy to talk about other people's issues, but, for our purposes, we want to put ourselves on the table. Use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "people", "you", "us", "we", etc.
- Resolve Conflict Biblically: As a group we commit to extend grace to one another. Conflict is not bad, it's an opportunity for growth. We are all being transformed to be more like Jesus. Conflict and change are a part of that journey. (Matthew 18)
- Manage Technology: Let's respect one another by silencing alerts on our devices.

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