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Hebrews 3:7-11

# Hebrews

Knowing and Growing in Christ

Week 10

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## Do Not Harden Your Heart!

Introduction and Review (*Hebrews 3:3-6*)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ and Relevance of Scripture (*Hebrews 1:1-2, 3:7-8, 4:12; 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16*)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel's Rebellion (*Hebrews 3:6-9, 11; Exodus 16:2-3, 17:1-4; Numbers 13:27-31, 14:8-9, 11-12, 19*)

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Knowing God's Ways (*Hebrews 3:10-11; Isaiah 1:3; John 17:3; James 1:2-4*)

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**Discussion Questions (Hebrews 3:7-11)**

1. What does Hebrews 3:7 (which is a quotation of Psalm 95:7) say about the inspiration and relevance of Scripture? How is this seen also in the following verses: Hebrews 1:1-2, 4:12, Peter 1:21, 2 Timothy 3:16)? Why is it crucial that we understand that the Bible is both inspired by God and relevant for our lives?
2. Hebrews 3:8 warns against hardening your hearts to the voice of the Lord. How do verses 8-11, which is a summary of Israel's rebellion during the time of the Exodus, illustrate what a hard heart involves? (See also Exodus 16:2-3, 17:1-4; Numbers 13:27-31, 14:8-12, 19) What was the result of Israel's hard heart? How is this a warning for us?
3. Hebrews 3:8 says that Israel (Israel's faith) was being tested in the wilderness. Who was testing them? Why was their faith being tested? How is or has your faith been tested? How did you respond to the test?
4. Hebrews 3:10 implies that hearts go astray (are hardened, do not trust the Lord) because people "have not known [God's] ways". What does it mean to know God's ways? (See also John 17:3) How are you growing in the knowledge of God and his ways?