

DISCUSSION GUIDE 9

Hebrews 3:7–19

- 1** Read **Hebrews 3:7–11**. Notice the phrase “the Holy Spirit says” in verse 7. The writer of Hebrews quotes Psalm 95 and attributes it to the Holy Spirit. What is significant about that? Why do you think the writer of Hebrews attributes the words to the Holy Spirit?
- 2** **Hebrews 3:8** instructs us, “do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” Is it possible to be a believer in Jesus, saved by His blood, and still to become hard-hearted? What do you think it means to have a hard heart? Give some examples.
- 3** Read **Hebrews 3:12–13**. Verse 12 instructs us to “take care,” and verse 13 says, “exhort one another every day.” How have you embraced your need for daily exhortation? Who are the specific people you are daily putting this into practice?
- 4** Only the proud think they are immune to the deceitfulness of sin. Sin is deceitful because it often is not obvious. It exists in our blind spots. And blind spots are, by definition, things we cannot see until someone points them out. What are some blind spots other Christians have pointed out to you?
- 5** Read **Hebrews 3:14–19**. Notice the word “if” in verse 14. How do you interpret this verse?
- 6** Read **Hebrews 3:19**. What kept Israel from entering the Promised Land? The Israelites did not trust God. They sought other means to provide for what God had already promised to give them. We do the same thing every time we sin. The second warning in Hebrews recognizes unbelief is a constant and dangerous temptation. We must help each other fight it. Perseverance in the faith is a community project. Spend some time in prayer together. In light of what has been shared, pray for one another.