



## Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Hebrews 3:7-19

**Introduction:** Are their benefits to belonging to a church? If so, what are they?

**Overview:** In this passage the author of Hebrews warns his listeners of the danger of a hard heart. He reminds them of the wilderness generation who failed to enter the Promised Land because of their unbelief. Unlike them, we must trust the heart of God when we face trials, encourage one another to stand firm in our faith, and listen to what God is saying to us in Jesus.



### Into the Word

The message of Hebrews is full of warnings. What warnings do you see in this passage? How are God's warnings an expression of His love and grace?

Consider: Hebrew 12:5-11

**Resource: The Relationship Between Warnings and Assurance : Don't Fumble It**

Throughout this passage the author of Hebrews speaks about hard hearts. **Consider verses 12-15.** What are the marks of a hard heart? What leads to a hard heart?

**Consider verses 15-18.** Why is a hard heart toward God dangerous?



### Into the Heart

**Consider verse 13.** How do you tend to respond when others speak to you about your sins or faults? How can God use this difficult experience for your good?

Note: The word translated "exhort" in verse 13 means to come alongside to spur on.

**Read Psalm 139:23-24.** Consider a trial you are going through. How can praying like this in the midst of your trial keep your heart soft before the Lord?

**Resource: How Suffering Reveals Your True Self**



### Into the World

God calls us to be willing to confront and encourage each other in meaningful ways. Are you comfortable with this kind of community? Why or Why Not?

This passage calls us to encourage each other daily. Is this even possible? How can God use this kind of love for one another to help us persevere in our faith?

**Resource: Encouragement Softens the Heart**