

Jesus is BETTER: He is a BETTER LEADER

Text: Hebrews 3:1-19

Jesus is a better LEADER (than MOSES or ANY other):

- 1) He was FAITHFUL to a better MISSION: Hebrews 3:1-2
 - a) Moses was FAITHFUL (though complained about – Numbers 12:7–8) to TESTIFY (Hebrews 3:5ac) about JESUS (John 5:46)
See also: Luke 24:27
 - b) Jesus was FAITHFUL to SAVE us from our sins by dying for us: Hebrews 1:3c; 2:9c, 10b, 14c-15a, 17
 - c) Jesus brings us TRUTH and GRACE: John 1:16-17
- 2) He has a better BEAUTY (GLORY): Hebrews 3:3
 - a) Moses (like ALL other Biblical leaders) had only a REFLECTED beauty/glory (See Exodus 34:29-35)
 - b) Jesus REVEALS God's FULL Glory: John 1:14. See also: John 5, 6, 8, 10, 14-17; Col. 1:15, 19; Hebrews 1:3, 2:9
- 3) He has a better RELATIONSHIP with God: Heb. 3:5-6a. See: 1:5, 8
 - WARNING – It is possible to become a disciple of a Jesus follower but NOT follow Jesus and His Father: John 9:28–29
- 4) He has built a better COMMUNITY (HOUSEHOLD [*oikos*]): Hebrews 3:3b-4, 6b; Eph. 2:19–22. See also: 2 Cor 6:16; 1 Tim 3:15b; 1 Ptr 2:5

Are WE (AM I) part of the better COMMUNITY led by Jesus? Heb. 3:6bc

- 1) Do we LISTEN to God's WORD? Hebrews 3:7. cf Psalm 95:7-11
 - a) In the PERSON and WORK of Jesus? Luke 9:35
 - b) In ALL of SCRIPTURE: 2 Tim. 3:16–17. See also: Heb. 4:12-13
- 2) Do we HARDEN our own hearts against God? Hebrews 3:8a, 12.
See also: 1 Samuel 6:6; Proverbs 28:14
 - a) Patterned SIN and UNBELIEF hardens us to GOD: Heb 3:13
 - b) God's PEOPLE soften US: Hebrews 10:24–25
- 3) Do we TEST God by COMPLAINING & GRUMBLING (about leaders)? Hebrews 3:8b–9; Exodus 17:1c-2a, 3b, 7; Philippians 2:14–15. See also: Numbers 20:1-13; Hebrews 13:17

- 4) Have we GONE ASTRAY from God? (Are we living outside of REAL RELATIONSHIP with Him? Have we been UNFAITHFUL to Him?) Hebrews 3:10
 - a) REMEMBER the danger of DRIFT: Hebrews 2:1
 - b) SAVING faith is an ENDURING faith: Hebrews 3:14. See also: Matt. 10:22; Heb 3:6
- 5) Do we JOYFULLY and AUTHENTICALLY WORSHIP God in ALL of life's circumstances? Psalm 95:1, 6-7a

Do we UNDERSTAND the CONSEQUENCES of NOT following Jesus?

- 1) UNBELIEF in God's PROMISES keeps us from EXPERIENCING His promised rest & UNBELIEF in His Saving SON keeps us from His eternal rest: Hebrews 3:11, 19. See also: Deuteronomy 1:32-35
- 2) MY following Jesus is THE issue – MY rebellion, sin, disobedience has REAL consequences for ME: Hebrews 3:17–18
- 3) IF I will FOLLOW Him – I will begin to finally LIVE: John 6:40. See also: John 3:16, 14:6

* “cf” = cited or quoted from a particular Old Testament passage

Gospel In Life Group Questions

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?