

SERMON GUIDE

THE HOUSE OF REST

Hebrews 3:1-19 | Pastor Tim Prince

April 16, 2023

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SERMON NOTES

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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

John 5:15 (Godly living) The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Monday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- Scripture that stands out to you while you read
- Observations you are making about a passage
- Applications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- Prayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Getting to Know Me: What kinds of thoughts, images, emotions and feelings come to mind when you hear the terms "rest"? How about "Promised Land"?

Note About the Passage: Remember as you read that the original recipients of this document were Jewish Christians who were considering a return to Judaism. This may have been happening because of persecution and hardship or simply because Judaism's pedigree just seemed more solid, tangible and distinguished.

Read Hebrews 3:1-19

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: What do you think it means to be identified as "holy", "brothers", and those "who share in the heavenly calling?" How do you think each of these would have impacted the recipients of Hebrews?

O: What do you observe about how the author compares Jesus and Moses? What do you think his point is? What do you think the author wants this to do to his original audience?

O: Verses 7-19 recall all of the reasons that Israel failed to reach the Promised Land (the original story is recorded in the books of Exodus, Numbers). According to these verses, what are the reasons that Israel didn't enter the "rest" of God?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: Are there any areas/circumstances of your life that cause you to doubt, grumble or complain in your relationship with God the way Israel did in the wilderness?

A: Are there any ways that you know your heart has been growing hard?

A: Do you think you have an appropriate level of fear when you think about your eternal future?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.