REDEMPTION LIFE F E L L O W S H I P

Life Group Leader Guide: Hebrews 3:1-11

Sermon Content Overview:

Theme: This sermon, part of the "Jesus is Better" series, delves into Hebrews 3:1-11, highlighting Jesus' superiority over Moses and the call to faithfulness amidst challenges. The sermon underscores the importance of understanding who Jesus is and what He has accomplished, as this understanding is crucial for enduring in the Christian faith.

Key Points:

1. Consideration to be Acknowledged (Verses 1-2):

The passage begins with an exhortation to "consider Jesus," emphasizing His roles as the apostle and high priest of our confession. This consideration involves a deep, reflective focus on Jesus, who was faithful to God despite facing every human temptation and suffering. The preacher uses the analogy of a rocket scientist receiving a letter from Elon Musk to illustrate the importance of paying close attention to Jesus, who holds all authority and resources.

2. Comparison that Brings Assurance (Verses 3-6):

The sermon compares Jesus to Moses, a revered figure in Jewish history. While Moses was faithful as a servant in God's house, Jesus is faithful as a Son over God's house. This comparison assures believers of their identity and hope in Christ.

The preacher elaborates on Moses' significant role in Israel's history, emphasizing that Jesus is worthy of more glory because He is the builder of the house, not just a servant within it.

3. Consequence to be Avoided (Verses 7-11):

The preacher warns of the dangers of unbelief and hard-heartedness, drawing from Israel's history of rebellion in the wilderness. The sermon highlights the characteristics of unbelief: hardened hearts, flippant attitudes toward God's works, and wandering hearts due to a lack of relationship with God.

The warning is clear: unbelief leads to missing out on God's promises, just as the Israelites failed to enter the Promised Land.

Discussion Questions:

Consideration of Jesus:

Reflect on the analogy of the rocket scientist. How can we practically "consider Jesus" in our daily routines? What are some habits or practices that help you focus on Him? In what ways does understanding Jesus as both the apostle and high priest impact your relationship with Him? How does this understanding influence your daily decisions and interactions?

Comparison with Moses:

Moses was a significant figure in Israel's history. Who are some influential figures in your life, and how do they compare to Jesus in terms of influence and guidance? How can we ensure that Jesus remains the central figure in our faith, above all other influences? What steps can we take to prevent other voices from overshadowing His?

Consequence of Unbelief:

Reflect on a time when doubt or fear caused you to hesitate in trusting God. What helped you overcome that? How can you apply those lessons to current challenges? How can we guard our hearts against becoming hardened or flippant towards God's works in our lives? What role does community play in helping us stay faithful? Relatable Application:

Workplace: How can you apply the principle of considering Jesus in your work environment, especially when facing challenges or ethical dilemmas? How does Jesus' example of faithfulness inspire you in your professional life?

Family Life: In what ways can you encourage your family to keep Jesus at the center of your home, especially in decision-making and conflict resolution? How can you model faithfulness to your children or loved ones?

Personal Growth: Identify one area in your life where you struggle with unbelief. What steps can you take this week to trust God more in that area? How can you invite others to support you in this journey?

Prayer Prompt:

"Lord, we thank You for the reminder of Jesus' superiority and faithfulness. Help us to fix our eyes on Him in every aspect of our lives. Soften our hearts to be responsive to Your voice and guard us against unbelief. May we find our identity and hope in Christ alone. Guide us in our daily walk, and empower us to live out our faith with boldness and assurance. In Jesus' name, Amen."