

Believing Like Believers

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Hebrews 3:7-19 | Anchored: The Book of Hebrews

Believers cultivate their hearts – and the hearts of others – to stay responsive to God by faith and to avoid the trap of functional atheism.

- Recognize the possibility of functional atheism

- Beware the consequences of functional atheism

- Pursue the remedies for functional atheism
 - Cultivate your heart

 - Encourage one another

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. In your own words, describe “functional atheism.”
3. In what ways have you been guilty in the past of “omitting the Lord from your process” of living or making decisions? Of acting like an unbeliever, even though you do believe in Jesus?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13. What are some lessons we can learn from the wilderness generation?
5. Review Numbers 13-14 where we see Israel act in rebellion rather than in faith. What do you observe about faith in these chapters? What do you observe about God?
6. What are some specific ways you can keep your heart from growing hard? What does it look like for a person to cultivate a heart that is responsive to God? What does it look like specifically?
7. Who is someone you admire for the way they respond to God and live by faith? How have you seen the Lord bless them as they have done this
8. Share about a time when someone’s encouragement gave you courage and faith to follow God.
9. What might be a specific way you can grow in encouraging others? What is one step you can take toward becoming a real “encourager” of others?
10. Are you sure today that you are a believer in Christ? What must one do to be saved? (Consider John 3:16, Acts 16:31, and Romans 10:9-13).

FOR FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION

Memorize Hebrews 3:12-13

Read Mark 4:1-20, Mark 9:17-29, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 11:1-6

Read “Are You a Functional Atheist?” – <https://bit.ly/fuctionalatheist>

Read more about functional atheism – <https://bit.ly/morefunctionalatheism>

Read “Help My Unbelief” – <https://bit.ly/helpunbelief>

Listen to “I Believe” – <https://bit.ly/songibelieve>

Listen to “Give Me Faith” – <https://bit.ly/givemefaithsong>

Listen to “Lord I Believe” – <https://bit.ly/lordibelieve>

Watch “Faith Can Change Your Destiny” by Tony Evans – <https://bit.ly/faithdestiny>

