

## Discussion Questions for Hebrews 3: 7-19

- **Hebrews 3:7–11** quotes **Psalm 95**, which many believe to have been penned by David. Yet who does the Author credit with the true authorship of that Psalm? (3:7)
- What does this tell you about Scripture? (compare 2 Peter 1:21)
- How does mentioning the authorship of the Holy Spirit add weight to the warning in Hebrews?
- How do believers hear God's voice?
- How might believers harden their hearts after hearing God's voice? What actions and attitudes might this involve?
- How did the Israelites fail God in the wilderness (see Hebrews 3:8–9)?
- How did God respond to Israel's failure (see 3:10–11)?
- Why is it so easy to fall prey to sin's deceit (see Jeremiah 17:9)?
- Explain the difference between a believer having doubts and someone who is filled with unbelief.
- **Chapter 3 verse 12** is a key verse. The ESV begins with "Take care..." The NKJV says "Beware..." and the NIV renders this as "See to it..." What do all those words and phrases tell you about what the author is about to say?
- Who is **verse 12** addressed to?
- What is the Author warning against in **verse 12**?
- How can the words of **verse 13** be used in a practical way to keep fellow believers from falling into unbelief?
- What point is the author making by repeating "Today" in **3:7, 13, 15**?
- Why do you think this emphasis on "Today" is important?
- **Verse 19** states the ultimate reason why the Israelites perished in the wilderness. How should this motivate us to respond to our own distressing and discouraging circumstances?