

## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

The week of December 17th

- **No Community Groups this week.** The Winter Session will begin the week of Sunday, January 14th.
- **CG Update.** This past Fall roughly 400 people from our church were involved in discipleship through a Community Group. There are 33 groups meeting all throughout the valley on weekday evenings consisting of people in every stage of life (single, early weds, parents of all ages, empty-nesters, retirees, etc.). Although 400 people is a great number, we currently have about 1200 regular attenders. We would love to see more people involved in discipleship by joining a Community Group.
- **Future Needs.** A couple of needs that you could pray for are:
  - **Leaders.** Healthy spiritual leaders are vital to the success of this one-another ministry. Please pray for our current leaders and also that the Lord would raise up more leaders to disciple our Body.
  - **Child-ready homes.** Many young families are joining Community Groups. We have need of homes that have one room large enough to host adult conversation, but that also have an additional area in which the children can be dismissed for play.
- **Sign-Up Today.** Please consider joining a Community Group. Sign-up for the Winter session (10 weeks) beginning mid-January by emailing us at: [communitygroups@gbcmt.org](mailto:communitygroups@gbcmt.org)

# THE CONSEQUENCES OF TURNING BACK

Hebrews 3:7-19

Series #9

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **“The Consequences of Turning Back.”** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What is one thing we have to guard against when reading and studying the Bible?
2. Who is not on every page and in every story in the Old Testament?
3. Does it really matter if one reads something into a verse or passage that isn't really there?
4. Many Jews died a death by what, at the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70?
5. Who were the recipients of the letter called, “Hebrews”?
6. When the recipients embraced Jesus of Nazareth as their Messiah they began to experience what?
7. As a result of what they were experiencing, the recipients were tempted to go back into what?
8. How many forms of motivation did the author use with the recipients?

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9. The author used a positive motivation and showed the recipients that Jesus is what?
10. What is the gist of the negative motivation the author uses to compel the Hebrew Christians to stay faithful to Jesus?
11. Hebrews 3:1-6 presents Jesus as superior to whom?
12. What happened to the Jewish people who experienced the salvation of God in the Exodus but didn't trust God and weren't faithful to Him?
13. Is Hebrews 3:11-14 talking about hell?
14. What is the "rest" spoken of in verse 11?
15. What was the consequence for those who were not faithful to God?
16. Did Moses lose his salvation?
17. The context and the Old Testament background show that the author of Hebrews is thinking in what terms?
18. Did the Jewish believers who received this letter, obey the letter? What was the result for their decision?
19. The writer of Hebrews warned and exhorted the recipients and he encouraged them to do what?
20. Persecution can tempt any of us to do what?
21. Why is it a big deal if the Jewish Christians slid back into Judaism?
22. Does verse 14 mean that if the Jewish Christians did turn back to Judaism, then they lost their salvation?
23. What question is raised when someone turns away from the Lord?
24. From verse 14 what is the proof of genuineness?
25. What is proof of real faith?
26. The answer to the question in verse 16 is supposed to be what?
27. How many people died in the wilderness as a result of rebelling and provoking the Lord?
28. What happened to the people who experienced the salvation of God out of Egypt but chose to be unfaithful to God?
29. Why does the author of Hebrews keep saying the same thing over and over again?
30. The word "unbelief" in verse 19 could also be translated how?
31. I Corinthians 10:1-10 is written to whom?
32. God considers murmuring and complaining a what?
33. Do you have a complaining spirit (or a complaining heart)?
34. God recorded the events in Israel's history so that we might do what?
35. Have you learned from their mistakes?