

# Study Guide Questions

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## Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 4:8

For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

- Do you consider yourself to be emotionally expressive in worship? Why do you think you are that way? Are you emotionally expressive at sporting events? How would you respond if you won the lottery? Why do you think people can be expressive in certain areas of their life, but not in worship?
- Without heartfelt connection, worship can become routine and meaningless. Do you feel (or have you ever) that way? What can we do to prevent that from happening?

## Read Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95:7b-11 & Hebrews 3:7-19

- What was the impact on the Israelites hearts because of what happened at Meribah and Massah? What does it mean to have a hard heart?
- What causes our hearts to harden against the Lord today? What can we do to guard our hearts from hardness against God? What are signs that might indicate you are suffering from some hardness of heart?
- What is the psalmist trying to warn people against? When was, and is 'Today'? How are you seeking to hear His voice? Are there any changes you need to make 'Today'?
- Even though Israel witnessed first hand God's deliverance, they still doubted and complained. Do you ever praise God on Sunday and then complain to Him or about Him later in the week? Do you ever grumble or complain about your circumstances like Israel did? Do you struggle to worship God in the midst of



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difficulty?

- God punished His people by keeping them in the wilderness for 40 years, yet He sustained them through this time. Reflect on your own moments “in the wilderness”. How was God faithful to you during this time?
- Have you ever been “tested in the wilderness?” In the midst of difficult times, what temptations might exist? The Israelites doubted God’s goodness in the wilderness. (Exodus 17 and Psalm 95) Have you ever doubted God’s goodness in the midst of difficult times? If so, what drew you back to the truth about His character?
- We all need encouragement. Where is an area in your life that you’re feeling discouraged right now? How can this small group come alongside you to encourage you? How can you be an encouragement to someone else? How might constant exhortation keep you from the “deceitfulness of sin” and draw you closer to the Lord?
- According to the author of Hebrews, Is there such a thing as “solo Christianity?” Can you be a Christian on your own, apart from community? Why or why not? Who is someone that needs community that you can ask to join our Small Group?

the psalmist is exhorting us to hear and obey! **Don’t close your ears. Don’t disobey. God’s people listen and obey God’s Word rather than disbelieve and not enter His rest.**

- Disbelief can easily keep us from trusting in God’s goodness. We can become skeptical of His goodness, kindness, provision and salvation. **This wrong view of God—this disbelief—is not a slightly inaccurate perception. THIS IS SIN.** It’s the hard and dull heart the author of Hebrews is warning them to about.



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