



In Hebrews 3, we come to the second encouragement in this letter to the early church: *fix your thoughts on Jesus*. This short statement has such power. Hebrews was written to Jewish believers who had grown up in Hebrew homes. They knew the Old Testament, the Law, and then trusted Jesus as their Savior. However, the pressure from the outside world was causing many of them to leave Jesus and return to Jewish customs. In Hebrews 3, the author encourages these believers to fix their thoughts on Jesus. He wanted them to place their confidence in Jesus and not the Law, knowing what we focus on is where we will end up.

1. In the early 2000's a game called: "Bigger and Better" gained national attention when Kyle MacDonald traded a paper clip up for a home! What is the fascination in our culture getting something *bigger and better*?
2. **Read Hebrews 3:1-2.** We are encouraged to fix our thoughts on Jesus. Share about a time in your life when you were so focused on accomplishing something you spent all your time to make it a reality. How do you fix your thoughts on Jesus?
3. The New Testament has an emphasis on the renewing of our mind (**Matthew 22:37, Romans 8:5, and Colossians 3:9-10**). Discuss how Jesus has renewed your mind and what the outcome has been? How has your thinking changed for the better?
4. The early believers wanted to return to Moses. **Read Hebrews 3:3-4.** To return to Moses meant to return to the Law; however, the Law can never save us. Have you ever been tempted to walk away from Jesus? What tempted you to leave?
5. **Read Exodus 3:1-13 and John 14:6-14.** Write out some of the differences between the ways Jesus and Moses accepted their calls. Have you explored the call God has on your life? What do you think it is?
6. Moses was faithful as a servant and Jesus was faithful as a Son. **Read Hebrews 3:5-6, Numbers 12:1-9 and Romans 8:1-8.** Talk about how Moses and Jesus were both faithful to the call God had on their lives.
7. Scripture teaches us that we are a house of God. **Read Matthew 25:14-21 and Mark 10:43-45.** How can we focus our attention on serving others this week in effort to bring glory to God?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for strength to invite a friend to meet Jesus.