

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 2/22/2026
Hebrews 3:14-19 “The Sin Behind the Sin”—part two

- I. _____ the Holy Spirit confronts unbelief (7-11).
- II. _____ must confront unbelief (12-19).
 - A. We need to deal with it in our own _____ (12).
 - B. We need to help each _____ deal with it (13).
 - C. We need to make sure we possess real _____ (14-15).
 1. Real faith _____ in Christ (14a).
 2. Real faith _____ to the end (14b).
 3. Real faith is a present tense _____ (15).
 - D. We need to remember that real faith is real over the long _____ (16-19).
 1. The Jews escaped Egypt but later _____ (16).
 2. The Jews sinned against God and _____ in the desert (17).
 3. The Jews missed the promised land because of their _____ (18).
 4. The Jews missed the promised land because of their _____ (19).

Take Inventory: Let’s ask ourselves these important questions.

1. Do I possess _____ faith?
2. Am I taking seriously the sin of _____ in my life?
3. Will I humble myself today and experience God’s _____?

Community Group Discussion:

1. Today we continued to ponder a passage that confronts the sin of unbelief. After reading again Hebrews 3:7-19, have someone do a quick walk through of the main points of the sermon outline. Why are we calling unbelief *the sin behind the sin*?
2. Jim Elliff has observed, “Most people will spend far more time examining the vegetables in the supermarket than they will ever spend scrutinizing their faith.” What concern is he raising? What does it mean to scrutinize one’s faith? Is there an improper way to do this?
3. According to verses 12-13, dealing with the sin of unbelief is a community project. It’s something we’re supposed to help each other do. What are some practical ways we can fulfill this assignment together?
4. What do we learn about genuine faith in verses 14-15? In verses 16-19?
5. As we did last week, let’s conclude our time by praying the Word together. Allow today’s passage to guide your group in a time of meaningful calling on God. Have someone lead with a prayer of **adoration** to the One who has given us His Word. Then have someone offer a prayer of **supplication** asking the Lord for help with our unbelief. Then have someone conclude with a prayer of **thanksgiving** for the many ways the Lord is helping us deal with our unbelief.