

## **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

Applying this message to everyday life

1. How do you keep your thoughts fixed on Jesus, or what can you apply from this sermon that can help you keep fixed on Jesus?
2. How important is it to you to be encouraged by someone else? What opportunities do you have to encourage others?
3. What can you do to reduce the level of hurriedness that you allow to be in your life?
4. Spend time together encouraging and praying for one another.

*A Better Way*  
*#590 – Fix Your Thoughts on Jesus*  
*Hebrews 3:1-19*

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### **Fix Your Thoughts on Jesus**

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. (Hebrews 3:1)

Focus is important because it is the gateway to all \_\_\_\_\_: perception, memory, learning, reasoning, problem solving, and decision making.

“What is \_\_\_\_\_ is seldom urgent and what is \_\_\_\_\_ is seldom important.” ~ Dwight Eisenhower

An apostle represents \_\_\_\_\_ to men and a high priest represents \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

### **The Power of “The Deceitfulness of Sin”**

1. Starts with a small sin you know you should avoid but which you think doesn't \_\_\_\_\_.
2. As you rationalize your behavior and this sin becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ and you stop thinking it's wrong at all.
3. Soon you \_\_\_\_\_ up to other sin habits by rationalizing them as well.

### **How Then Do We Keep Jesus in Focus?**

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ aspect of Christian living is to develop a Biblical worldview by studying Scripture and meditate on it.
2. We must overcome the barrier of \_\_\_\_\_ and cultivate intimacy with the Savior through prayer and obedience.
3. Cultivate faithfulness by listening to God's voice and \_\_\_\_\_ life patterns of obedience.

## GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. Fred and Dan are forming new Life Groups for the spring quarter. They need to know if current Life Groups members intend to continue or take a break. Share with the group your intention.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Name something that you have “mastered” through personal focus. Why did you choose this accomplishment as a goal?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. When is the last time you have been encouraged by someone else?

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK – DIGGING DEEPER

Jot down a brief answer to the following four questions

### Quick Review

- 1. Reflecting on this week’s sermon, is there any principle or insight that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
- 2. Count the words (except pronouns) that are repeated four times or more in Hebrews 3. Can you find the phrase that is repeated twice? What do these repeated words/phrases tell you about this chapter?
- 3. Find two truths in Hebrews 3 that shape your Biblical world view.
- 4. Read Psalm 95, all 11 verses. What concept does the author contrast between the first 7 verses and the last 4 verses?