

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 3, 201

Scripture: **Hebrews 4:1-13**



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

Faith in Jesus Christ and his atoning work is the pathway to God's eternal rest – inward rest that we experience now that prepares us for and propels us toward complete and final rest when we Savior face-to-face.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with **Reading: Ante Faciem Dei**)*

- What is the author of Hebrews equating with God's rest in verses 1-3? What is the rest that God promised to give Israel following their deliverance from Egyptian slavery? What prevented them from entering that rest?
- Why is gospel-centered community vital to our perseverance/faithfulness? Why is perseverance an essential element of the Christian life?
- Why did God rest after 6 days of creation (verses 4-5)? Are you plagued with restlessness – perpetually striving to prove your value, self-worth, and secure inner peace?
- What is the ultimate, final, eternal rest that is foreshadowed by Joshua and the promised land? How is God's rest both a present reality and a future hope that we strive to enter?
- How do we live in the security and anticipation of God's rest amidst the hardships, difficulties, sickness, trials, setbacks, and persecution of this life (Matthew 11:28-30)?
- As we journey toward rest, what is the role God's living, active, and sharp word in our lives?