

PLEADING & HEEDING THE GOSPEL

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The Church is a _____ from the

_____ of sin (13)

Our _____ Reveal Our _____ (14-19)

1. Thinking back on this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Verse 13 carries a command to "encourage one another" so that none will be hardened by sin. The word "encourage" carries a few potential meanings in English, grab a study Bible or commentary and look up the word translated as "encourage." In what sense are we to encourage one another?

3. When we think of holding one another accountable against sin, we often imagine conflict or rebuke. While those interactions are sometimes necessary, that's not what verse 13 is challenging us to do. What are some specific, practical ways you could put this command to "encourage one another" against the deceitfulness of sin into practice in our church body?

4. In verse 17-18, the author explains that God was angry with the Israelites because of their sin, and swore that those who were "disobedient" would not enter His rest. But in verse 19, the author concludes that the problem was "unbelief." Is this a contradiction? If not, how do these two passages fit together? (hint: see verses 8-11)

5. As believers in Christ, how do we guard against being "hardened by the deceitfulness of sin" (verse 13)? Keeping in mind we should follow God's counsel in this effort, back up your answer with specific references from Scripture.

6. Verse 18 explains that because of their sin, the people of Israel could not enter "His rest." What is "His rest" referring to in that context? In Hebrews 4:3, the author explains that there is a rest awaiting believers, as well – what is the rest that awaits us?

7. 2 Tim 3:16-17 teaches that all Scripture is useful for training us up in righteousness. We should not walk away from a study of any passage of Scripture without it impacting our lives in some way. What is one thing you are (or will be) applying to your life as a result of studying this passage?