

APPLICATION QUESTIONS
Applying this message to everyday life

1. One author writes, “They (the Hebrew Christians) did not start out dull; they became that way gradually.” Does that happen? What kinds of things blunt and dull our pursuit of Jesus today? What can you do this week to sharpen your pursuit of Christ?

2. Growth and development require active practice. We often have to try something over and over again in order to master it. What are the things you need to “practice” in order to move on to the “meat” of your walk with Jesus? Is there anything from the “ABC’s” list in question #4 of the homework above, that you want to focus on?

3. Maturity is about progress. Am I growing? Is there any measurable growth in my life?” Find a quiet place and contemplate this with God in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the truth on this and identify your next spiritual growth steps.

4. As a result of this study, what can you do to move beyond your level of maturity, move out of your comfort zone and move forward into a new stage of your spiritual growth?

A Better Way
Progressing In Maturity: Grow Up!
Hebrews 5:11-6:3

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The Peter Pan _____ — the inability to take responsibility for life, resulting in wasted years pursuing things that don’t matter

I. The _____ of Spiritual Immaturity –vs 11, Jeremiah 6:10

- Dull of hearing, Slow to hear - _____

II. The _____ of Spiritual Immaturity –vs 12-13

A. Wasted _____

The 3 stages of spiritual development:

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

B. Unapplied _____ - Matthew 13:13-15

- An inability to master the _____

C. Deficient _____ – vs 12-13

- Choosing _____ over good _____

D. Delayed _____ - I Cor. 3:1-3

- Signs of _____: self-absorbed, demanding, impatient, weak

III. The _____ for Spiritual Immaturity --Hebrews 5:14

A. _____ to teaching that goes beyond the basics

B. Clear _____ of growth

C. _____ with God’s growth agenda

D. Able to _____ between good and evil

IV. The _____ to Go Beyond the Basics --Hebrews 6:1-3

A. _____: Repentance and faith

B. _____: Baptism and the laying on of hands

C. _____: Resurrection and final judgment

GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

1. This week we get another biblical warning from Hebrews. Take a few minutes, as a group, and summarize the warning in the passage this week (Hebrews 5:11-6:3).

2. Sometimes people ignore warnings. Can you remember a time when you did that? What are some warnings you've ignored in the past? How did that go for you?

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK – DIGGING DEEPER

Jot down a brief answer to the following questions

1. Sometimes our own safety is threatened when we ignore warnings, but often there are consequences for others too. What happens to us if we ignore this warning? What are the consequences for: our family, our unsaved friends, or our Christian friends (the Church)?

2. Hebrew Christians had “no push” when it came to growing in their faith. “Push” is all about motivation. What are some of the things that “push” (i.e., motivate) people in their spiritual life these days?

3. The Hebrew Christians had plenty of time and biblical teaching but they were unchanged. How does this happen? What is the missing ingredient that, without it, we fail to grow deep in our faith?

4. The Hebrew Christians needed to return to their “spiritual ABC’s.” What are some of our “ABC’s” in the following verses? What would it look like, in real actions, to live out these ABC’s?

Matthew 22:37-40

Matthew 28:19-20

Ephesians 4:4:11-13, 15-16

Philippians 2:3-4

5. We learned this week about 3 stages of spiritual maturity: (1) Come: fed by others, (2) Grow: learn to feed ourselves, (3) Go: feeding others. What behaviors characterize each of these stages as we move through them? What kinds of things do you do to move through them? What might cause us to become stuck in either stage 1 or 2?

6. Moving on from the “milk” of early faith to the “meat” of pursuing God is natural and normal. Come prepared to talk about the milk and meat process in spiritual growth in 1 Peter 2:2-3, 1 Corinthians 3:1-3, 1 Corinthians 13:11 Hebrews 5:13-14