

Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, February 23rd, 2025

Series: **“Growing in Christ”**

Message: **“Moving Beyond the Basics”**

Sermon Text: **Hebrews 5:11-6:2**; Old Testament Text: **Psalms 105:16-22**; Gospel Text: **John 3:29-36**.

Read **Hebrews 5:11-6:2** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. In **Hebrews 5:11**, about what does the author of Hebrews have much to say?

Why has it become *hard to explain* this to the Hebrews?

2. After reading **Hebrews 5:12-13**, what do we discover is wrong with the Hebrews that makes it so difficult to teach them?

How worried would a parent be for a son or daughter who still got all his or her nourishment only from milk, even though they were teenagers?

What point is the author of Hebrews trying to make when he says, *“you need milk, not solid food?”*

What does your current “spiritual diet” consist of milk or solid food?

3. According to **Hebrews 5:14**, what marks a person as a mature believer?

4. In **Hebrews 6:1-2**, what is the author of Hebrews main complaint about the Hebrews?

What should they be concerned about at this point in their Christian walk?

5. What are some reasons believers fail to see the importance in spiritual growth?

6. What will you remember most from this message?

Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Psalm 105:16-22** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. How did God “*send a man ahead of them*” in the person of Joseph to help Israel through the famine?
 2. What thing in Joseph’s brothers’ lives did God use to accomplish His purposes?
 3. How did Potiphar’s wife also unknowingly help to accomplish God’s purposes for Joseph?
 4. What gift did God give to Joseph that allowed him to earn Pharaoh’s favor?
 5. How does the story of Joseph help us to see that God is always several steps ahead in preparing for the future from what man can understand?
- II. Next read **John 3:29-36**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
1. According to **John 3:29**, to what does John the Baptist compare Jesus?
 2. According to that verse, what does John the Baptist call himself?
 3. What does John the Baptist derive from serving in this role?
 4. According to **John 3:30**, what does John the Baptist say must happen in his relationship with Jesus?
 5. Have you come to that place yet where you feel the same as John the Baptist? Why or why not?
 6. In **John 3:31**, why do you think John the Baptist begins and ends this verse with the same statement?
 7. In **John 3:32**, why does John the Baptist exaggerate the facts by saying, “*Yet no one receives his testimony?*”
 8. Why is the truth expressed in **John 3:33** such an important truth for believers to grasp? Have *you* come to this realization yet?
 9. Do you believe what John the Baptist says about Jesus in **John 3:34** is true?
 10. As a believer in Jesus Christ, how does **John 3:35-36** make you feel?
- III. Now read **Hebrews 5:11-6:2** utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
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 2. Why has it become *hard to explain* this to the Hebrews?

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7. According to **Hebrews 5:14**, what marks a person as a mature believer?
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