

LIFE GROUP – WEEK TEN



Jesus Makes Us Mature

Hebrews 5:11-6:12

This Winter, we are experiencing God's presence together by encountering Jesus in the Book of Hebrews. This week, we consider what it means to be a mature follower of Jesus. The preacher identifies 3 core markers of maturity - it's a progression, built on a gospel foundation, and filled with hope - and warns against a great threat to maturity: apostasy.

Before you jump into your discussion, please take a few minutes to fill out the Life Group feedback survey. Your input will help us to grow as a community and improve the LG experience for others!



GETTING STARTED

We start each week by intentionally being present to one another. If you need a little help getting the conversation going, consider starting with these questions...

Ice Breaker

What has been your biggest takeaway from the book of Hebrews so far?

Going Deeper

What has challenged or encouraged you the most in our Life Group discussions this Winter?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Our discipleship to Jesus is meant to be a holistic way of living, involving our whole selves - **head, heart, and hands**. While each person will likely gravitate to one of these over the others, it's important we all consider how God's love affects our minds, our hearts, and our actions.

REMINDER: These guides are meant to facilitate PRESENCE - to God and one another - not to check boxes. Feel free to let conversation naturally flow to whichever questions connect with you personally. As the Spirit leads you, feel free to set aside this guide to pause, praise, and pray together.

HEAD

How have you seen maturity in Christ in the past - as a status or state of being to achieve, or a process of progressive growth?

Why is hope such an essential part of Christian maturity?

Read Hebrews 6:4-6, James 5:19-20, Jude 20-23; and 1 Corinthians 5:4-5. How do these Scriptures, taken together, inform how we should respond to people who "fall away" from the faith?

HEART

How can we tell the difference between a maturity issue and a morality issue (sin)? How should we respond differently to each?

Can you share about a time where God wanted to mature you in an area of life, and you realized you needed to change your nourishment (milk to meat) or your responsibilities (student to teacher) in order to grow how God wanted?

Have you known anyone who had "once been enlightened" but has since "fallen away?" How did that impact you?

HANDS

Where is Jesus inviting you into greater maturity right now? (Hint: We all have something!)

Who do you know who is more mature than you in that area that you can learn from and imitate?

PRACTICE OF PRESENCE

Close your discussion with a time of extended prayer (10-15min).

Spend time confessing areas of immaturity and asking God to grow you, or thanking him for areas he's been growing you lately.

Spend a few minutes interceding with hope for those who do not yet follow Jesus. Pray for those you know - family, friends, neighbors, coworkers - who need to "taste the heavenly gift" of salvation. Pray also for those who had "once been enlightened" but have fallen away. Pray that God would do the impossible work of salvation by grace through faith.