



Hebrews – Grow Up and Move On Pastor Dave Patterson 07.2.2023

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Hebrews 6:1-4, NLT]

¹ So let us stop going over the basic, (elementary) teachings about Christ again and again. Instead, Let us move on and become mature in our understanding. Not laying again the foundations of repentance from acts that lead to death, and placing our faith in God. ² You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. ³ And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding.

"You were never designed to be perpetually stuck in your spiritual journey."

1. Check your foundation (Secure the Foundations of your Faith)

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2. Take responsibility for someone else's spiritual development

Spiritual Maturity = growing to a place where you can take responsibility for your own life then for the spiritual growth and health of others.

[Hebrews 5:11-14, NLT]

¹¹ There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of God's word. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³ for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, ("does not know how to do what is right") since he is a child. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

3. Grow in your dependence on Jesus (The Great High Priest)

"The higher the level of our maturity, the greater the awareness of our desperate need for grace!"

A.D. 49 (first letter)**[Galatians 1:1, NLT]**

This letter is from Paul, an apostle. ... appointed by Jesus Christ himself and by God the Father.

A.D. 56**[1 Corinthians 15:9, NLT]**

For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I'm not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God's church.

A.D. 58**[Romans 1:1, NLT]**

"This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,"

A.D. 65 (final letter)**[1 Timothy 1:15, NLT]**

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the chief of sinners, the worst of them all.

[Hebrews 7:23-27, NLT]

²³ There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office. ²⁴ But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. ²⁵ Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf. ²⁶ He is the kind of high priest we need because he is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. He has been set apart from sinners and has been given the highest place of honor in heaven. ²⁷ Unlike those other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices every day. They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins.

[Romans 8:34, AMP]

Christ Jesus is the One who died to pay our penalty, and more than that, who was raised from the dead, and who is at the right hand of God interceding with the Father for us.

Key Points:

How do we get unstuck?

1. Check your foundation (Secure the Foundations of your Faith)
2. Take responsibility for someone else's spiritual development
3. Grow in your dependence on Jesus (The Great High Priest)

Applications for the Week:

This week, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas in your life where you are stuck. Then ask the three questions on how to get unstuck:

1. Are my foundations of Faith secure? What steps do I need to take?
2. Are there areas I need to take responsibility for in my spiritual growth and development?
3. Have I grown in my dependence of Jesus?

Step out and God will meet you.

Discussion Questions:

1. Has there ever been a time in your life that you felt stuck? What was that like and how did you get unstuck?
2. What areas of your life do you still need to grow in?
3. How has God designed us to move from faith to faith?
4. Have you taken the steps to secure your Foundations of your Faith? Discuss how Water Baptism, Living in Light of Eternity, and becoming a Disciple of Jesus develops the foundation of faith in our lives.
5. What is a true sign of maturity? How is God calling us to perpetual growth?
6. Have you experienced when someone took responsibility for your spiritual development? How has that impacted your spiritual journey?
7. What three ways help us get unstuck and grow up in our faith? How can we practically live these out?
8. What is the evidence of extreme maturity? How does our dependence on God and His grace play a role in this?