

GROWTH GROUPS

November 6, 2011

Hebrews 5:11-14

Conversation Starter -

Think about some of the things you did as a child; things that you still do, or would like to do today, even though it's not good for you. (Pastor Clint shared on Sunday an example related to his diet and exercise, or lack thereof!) What keeps you from wanting to grow in developing a more mature practice in this area?

Understanding -

Hebrews 5:11-14 introduces a difficult rebuke that is offered in love. It encourages the reader to consider whether they are settling for an elementary faith or whether they are intentionally entering the discipleship process with the desire to grow. The warning is that if we settle for an undeveloped faith we position ourselves to be vulnerable when challenge comes and we might fall away from the faith.

1. Looking at verses 13 & 14, what are the indicators of spiritual maturity indicated here? How might these be fleshed out in specific occurrences today? (ie. what does it look like?)
2. What is the role of a teacher in the development process? Is the teacher always right? What should you do if you believe the teacher is wrong? What would you expect a good teacher to do with your challenge? (verse 12)
3. It seems these Hebrew believers lacked the desire to develop spiritual maturity. (verse 11) What keeps us from desiring to develop spiritual maturity? If the group is comfortable, spend some time confessing these hindrances to God in prayer.

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