

# GROWTH GROUPS

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Hebrews 6:1-12

## **Conversation Starter –**

Develop a list of things that are often discarded if they don't accomplish their mission or stop continuing to do so.

## **Understanding –**

Hebrews 6:1-12 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 that doesn't accomplish the mission we were created & redeemed for we make ourselves vulnerable when challenge comes and we might fall away from the faith.

1. Verses 1-3 introduce the elementary or foundational teachings of the faith. That is teaching about salvation (v.1), teaching about the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives (v.2a) and teaching about the end times (v.2b). Are these doctrines familiar to you; are they indeed elementary teachings? Spend some times talking about these to make sure the group has a firm grasp on what these are.
2. As we discuss the elementary teachings we also acknowledge from last week's study, that the more mature teachings concern righteousness. (5:13) That is, the practical exercise of faith, the choices we make within the context of the foundational framework that has been laid? (v.1-3) What are some examples of practical things that Christians (you or others) are wrestling with today?
3. The analogy of the field helps to explain the warning given in verses 4-6. Namely, the evidence of a genuine, salvation-producing faith is the fruit of the Spirit or the fulfillment of the mission God has for us. (good crops from the field as opposed to thistles) What do you think this fruit looks like? (Galatians 5:22-23) What do you think this mission is?

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