

Life Group Discussion Guide:

Life Group Leader Material: Hebrews 5:11 - 6:3

Passage Overview: This section of Hebrews addresses the spiritual maturity of believers, emphasizing the importance of attentiveness to God's Word, the application of His teachings, and the acceptance of His will. The writer warns against becoming "dull of hearing" and encourages moving beyond basic doctrines to a deeper, experiential relationship with Jesus Christ.

Content Discussion Questions:

Understanding the Audience:

- Who is the original audience of this passage, and what challenges were they facing?
- How does the writer of Hebrews use the example of Melchizedek to illustrate a deeper truth about Jesus?

Dullness of Hearing:

- What does it mean to be "dull of hearing" in the context of this passage?
- How does the writer describe the consequences of spiritual laziness or immaturity?

Elementary Doctrines vs. Maturity:

- What are the "elementary doctrines" mentioned in Hebrews 6:1-2?
- Why does the writer urge the readers to move beyond these foundational teachings?

The Warning and Encouragement:

- What is the warning given in Hebrews 6:4-8, and how should it be understood in light of the entire passage?
- How does the writer balance this warning with encouragement in verses 9-12?

Application Questions:

Personal Reflection:

- Reflect on your own spiritual journey. Are there areas where you feel you have become "dull of hearing"? How can you address this?
- In what ways can you move beyond the "milk" of basic teachings to the "solid food" of deeper spiritual truths?

Attentiveness to God's Word:

- How can you cultivate a more attentive heart to God's speaking in your daily life?
- What practical steps can you take to ensure you are not just hearing but also applying God's Word?

Developing Discernment:

- How are you currently developing discernment to distinguish between the false promises of sin and the true promises of God?
- Share an example of a time when you had to rely on discernment to make a decision. What was the outcome?

Embracing God's Will:

- How do you understand and accept God's will for your spiritual maturity?
- In what ways can gratitude play a role in your spiritual growth and acceptance of God's will?

Closing Thought: As we reflect on this passage, let us be encouraged by the promise that God is actively working in us to bring us to maturity. Let us strive to be attentive to

His voice, apply His Word, and embrace His will with gratitude, trusting that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion.