



Hebrews 5:11-6:12 is focused on Jesus as our great teacher. The early church was experiencing a time of persecution. Christians were being killed for their faith in Jesus, and some considered returning to their Jewish customs. The worries of the world began to choke out their spiritual growth. This is where the author comes in to encourage them to keep following Jesus. He identifies four marks of spiritual immaturity, and then he encourages them to grow in their walk with Jesus as some of them had become lazy and needed motivation to push on with Jesus.

1. In **Luke 8** we read The Parable of the Sower. In this parable Jesus uses the example of a farmer to help the disciples understand the Kingdom of God. Using this parable, evaluate and identify the type of soil in which your life is planted. Is this the type soil you want to be planted in? If not, how can you cultivate the type of soil in which you desire to be planted?
2. **Read Hebrews 5:11-14**. The author gives four marks of spiritual immaturity. The first mark is a dullness to the word of God. Have you ever been dull to God's word? Share how you keep the word of God fresh in your life.
3. The final mark of spiritual immaturity is being unskilled in using God's word. Do you have a plan to memorize Scripture so you can be skilled in God's word? How can you grow in knowing God's word? **Read Psalm 119:105, Col. 3:16, John 15:7**.
4. **Read Romans 7:7-12**. The Apostle Paul teaches us the value of the law and scripture in our lives. Knowing that scripture teaches us how to follow Jesus, how can we apply it to our lives to see life change?
5. **Read Hebrews 6:1-3**. We are exhorted to move forward in spiritual maturity instead of shrinking back in our faith. What is one area that you sense God calling you to move forward in spiritual maturity? **See Philippians 3:14**.
6. **Read Hebrews 6:4-8**. This passage has caused many people to doubt their faith. Neal shared four ways to interpret these verses. He thinks this is a hypothetical situation. What do you think and why?
7. Some people in the early church had become lazy in their faith. **Read Hebrews 6:11-12**. If you have become lazy in your faith, what do you want to change? No matter your situation, how can you help others grow in maturity?
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for an opportunity to invite a friend to meet Jesus.