



*NOTE: Our lesson questions are based on the NIV 2011 edition. Our preference is your first time through the questions, you answer without consulting commentaries - delight in what the Holy Spirit will reveal to you.*

## LESSON 10

### HEBREWS 5:11-6:12

1. What truth, verse or insight from the study of Jesus, our great high priest, in **Hebrews 4:14-5:10** has been transformative and how did it increase your confidence as you prayed?
2. Pray for clarity from the Holy Spirit before reading through **Hebrews 5:11-6:12**, which contain another of the author's warnings. What is the tone of his message and what does he desire of his readers? Who in your life feels stagnant or discouraged in their faith and needs to hear similar words of encouragement or warning?
3. What is the underlying problem being addressed from the author's point of view according to **Hebrews 5:11-12**?
4. From **13-14**, contrast those who need milk with those who feed on solid food, addressing them from the standpoint of spiritual maturity.

5. Discuss the foundational or elementary teachings these early Jewish believers were challenged to "move beyond" according to **Hebrews 6:1-3**. How would clinging to these teachings reflect their immaturity?
  
6. Read **V4-6**. NOTE: These difficult verses have been interpreted in various ways and should be viewed in context and in light of the full counsel of Scripture.
  - a) What do these verses say about those who have "fallen away" and their fate?
  
  - b) **CHALLENGE:** Do you think the author is speaking about individuals who are saved or unsaved? Give your reasoning in light of the identity of the recipients of the letter. Feel free to refer to Scripture outside of **Hebrews** about the security of the believer, e.g., **John 10:28-29, Romans 8:38-39, Ephesians 2:8-9**.
  
7. How does the illustration of vegetation in **Hebrews 6:7-8** expound on the warning in **V4-6**?
  
8. From **V9-10**, comment on the author's confidence in "better things" for his readers and on what or on whom that confidence is based.

9. a) What does the author ask of the readers in **VII-12** and what is at stake?

b) In what areas are you convicted to be more diligent or less lazy, and which person comes to mind who you would like to imitate in these areas?

#### 10. CONSIDER JESUS: THE BETTER TEACHING

The followers of Jesus know that He teaches the way of God in accordance with the truth. See **Matthew 22:16**. Unlike other teachers, Jesus teaches as one with authority. See **Matthew 7:28-29**. He is the better teaching and the better teacher. Jesus is the solid food of the Word of God lived out, fulfilled and taught.

Consider whether you have made it a priority to grow in your faith or whether you have become stagnant, being satisfied with a diet of milk. What are you willing to do to acquaint yourself with the solid food of Jesus and His teaching? How can you train yourself in the more complex aspects of the Word?

**MEMORY VERSE**

*"Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity..." Hebrews 6:1a*

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**PRAYER REQUEST**