



ICEBREAKER

What are some behaviors that children get away with that would be socially unacceptable for an adult?

CONTEXT

In this passage, the author challenges the reader to grow up! Healthy things grow. It is a clear indicator that something is wrong when growth is not taking place. The author wishes to share more with the reader about the priesthood of Christ, but because of their spiritual immaturity, they are unable to understand. They are still drinking milk when they should be eating meat.

READ

Heb. 5:11 - 6:3

DISCUSS

What does it mean to be “dull of hearing” (vs. 11)? What do you think caused it?

Why do you think they had to be taught the “basic principles” over and over (vs. 12)? Have you ever wrestled with a spiritual truth that you just couldn’t seem to understand? How did you grow past it?

DISCUSS CONTINUED

What does it mean to be “unskilled in the word of righteousness” (vs. 13)? How does the picture of a child help us understand what being “unskilled” means?

How do we have our “powers of discernment trained by constant practice” (vs. 14)?

NEXT STEPS

In Heb. 6:1-3, the author challenges the reader to “..leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity...” This is not a charge to abandon the “basic” things, but to build upon them. In the previous verses, we can identify four markers of spiritual immaturity: Slow to listen, Forgetful, Unskilled, and Undiscerning.

Which of these four markers stand out to you as an area of growth in your own life?

What is one thing you can do this week to begin growing in that area?