Warning Against Falling Away - Hebrews 5:11-6:12

Topics: Backslide, Denial, Holy Spirit, Judgment, Laziness, Maturity, Rejection, Repentance, Righteousness, Salvation, Spiritual Growth, Unbelievers

Open It

- * 1. What are some immature, childlike habits or actions that simply would not be tolerated if seen in an adult?
 - 2. What theological truth or biblical concept is most difficult for you to comprehend?
 - 3. What is the most disgraceful or damaging thing ever done in God's name?
 - 4. What hero did you emulate and imitate as a kid? Why?

Explore It

- * 5. What was wrong with the group of Hebrew believers originally addressed in this passage? (5:11-14)
- * 6. What are the marks of spiritual maturity? (5:11-14)
 - 7. Of what are infant or baby Christians ignorant? (5:13)
 - 8. What is the benefit of "solid food"? (5:14)
 - 9. What challenge did the author give to his readers? (6:1)
- * 10. What fundamental or basic doctrines form the foundation of our faith? (6:1-2)
 - 11. In the end, what enables us to reach spiritual maturity? (6:3)
 - 12. What are maturing, committed Christians like? (6:7)
 - 13. What are those who fall away from the faith like? (6:8)
 - 14. What does it show when Christians help other Christians? (6:10)
 - 15. What danger did the author warn against? (6:12)

Get It

- 16. What is "solid food"?
- 17. How would you describe your present level of spiritual maturity?
- 18. What actions and attitudes would you expect to find in a mature Christian?
- * 19. How have you grown since you first became a Christian?
 - 20. What decisions are you facing that call for extra discernment?
 - 21. Of what does your spiritual diet consist?
 - 22. How does it disgrace Christ when a person lapses back into his or her old way of life?
 - 23. In what way can a Christian become useless to God?
- * 24. What can we do to move forward, or become more mature, in our relationship with Christ a little each day?
 - 25. How can you rely on the goodness of God's Word for discernment in the decisions you must make?

Apply It

- * 26. In what concrete ways can you strengthen your hold on Christ this week?
 - 27. What changes can you make in your daily routine over the next three days to combat laziness and exercise discipline?