



SERMON GUIDE

CHALLENGE AND COMFORT

Hebrews 5:11-6:12 | Pastor Tim Porter

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Conversation Questions

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Monday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations you are making about a passage
- A**pplications that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayer that invites God to participate in all that you do

Getting to Know Me: Have you ever believed in something and then changed your mind about what you believe?

Note About the Passage: People who have "tasted the heavenly gift" and "shared in the Holy Spirit" and "once been enlightened" and have "tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come" it is talking about people who have actively participated in the life and ministries of the church, but ultimately "fall away" from faith in Christ. In the Christian life, this is called apostasy. Apostasy is a real, sobering, weighty issue that God puts right in front of us here.

Read Hebrews 5:11-6:12

S: What verses, phrases, words, or feelings stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated," surprising, or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?

O: What are some marks of spiritual maturity and immaturity in these verses?

O: What are some of the elementary doctrines of Christ that need to be built on to gain maturity?

O: How would a deeper understanding of these elementary doctrines potentially increase spiritual maturity?

O: Why do you think the Bible includes the statements in verses 4-8? Why does the writer seem to be including it (when you look at the surrounding verses)?

A: If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?

A: When you look at the fruit of your life, where are you encouraged? Where are you discouraged? Where might you be more "earnest" in the week ahead?

P: Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.