

Sermon Guide

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sermon discussion questions

"Spiritual Maturity"

- What's the best coach or teacher you've ever had? How was that person able to motivate you so well?
- What are some general characteristics you think are essential for a leader to possess in order to motivate people? What about an individual? What kind of person is a great member of a team?
- Go back one verse prior and look at Hebrews 5:10, then look at verse 11. According to verse 11, what was the author's explanation for not explaining the high priesthood of Jesus referenced in verse 10?
- What did the author of Hebrews mean by "milk" and "solid food"? What are these words metaphors for?
- What are some ways that we settle for a diet of milk instead of solid food in our faith?
- In verse 12, the author said that the believers should be teachers by now. What did he mean by this? Was he speaking only to teachers here? Why or why not?
- Although this is certainly a lecture of correction, it's also a lecture of love. How does the author's reproof of the believers' maturity contain love?
- In what ways are we each important to the life and growth of other Christians? How can we encourage one another's spiritual maturity?
- Why is it sometimes difficult for us to receive criticism and warnings that would help us mature as believers?
- What steps will you take this week to "grow up" and move toward maturity in your faith?

preschool
questions

- Do you ever have to order from a kid's menu at restaurants? What do you get?
- What do your parents order off of? Why do they use a different menu?
- Just like we grow from menu to menu, we're supposed to mature in our faith.

student
questions

- Paul says the Hebrews need solid food instead of milk. What is the difference between milk and solid food in church?
- Where are some specific areas you need to "grow up" in your faith?
- What steps will you take this week to "grow up" and move toward maturity in your faith?

elementary
questions

- Have you ever gotten in trouble?
- How did getting in trouble help you get better?
- Do we ever have to "get in trouble" in our Christian Life so that we can grow more?

