

# Sermon Guide

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## sermon discussion questions

### "Press On to Maturity"

- Did you have a favorite toy or "security item" as a child? If so, what was it? What made it special to you? What did that item provide for you?
- Did your parents ever challenge you to give the item up? If so, was this a difficult or easy thing for you to do? Why?
- What is the primary command the author has for his readers in verses 1-3? What is the basis for his command? What are the foundational issues he is addressing?
- What examples of basic elementary doctrines does the author give?
- According to verse 3, what role does the grace of God play in our maturing as believers? What is the relationship between God's grace and our effort when it comes to maturing in our faith?
- Who do you think the descriptions of people in verses 4-12 are describing?
- What does a crop farmer naturally expect with regard to yield, given the right conditions of moisture, fertility, and sunlight?
- Why did the writer use an agricultural analogy? How does it relate to the point about being secure?
- What did the author want people to be sure of? Why does God's attention to our work and love inspire security?
- Why would a lack of security lead to sluggishness? What does security lead to? Who are we supposed to imitate?
- How does our culture cause you to question God's character? How does it tell you to question His faithfulness to His promise?

## *preschool* **questions**

- What do you want to be when you grow up?
- How can you "grow up" as a Christian?

## *elementary* **questions**

- When is the first time you ordered food off the big people menu at a restaurant?  
Was it good?
- What do you think it means to "order off the big people menu" in your faith?

## *student* **questions**

- Andrew mentioned three different views of Hebrews 6 in his sermon. Which of the three did you find most compelling and why?
- We talked about leaving the basics and pressing on towards maturity in this sermon. What does it look like for you to take the next step in the knowledge of your faith?
- How would you explain the purpose of works in relation to your salvation?
- If works don't contribute to your salvation, why are they necessary?

