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Digging deeper: Hebrews 6:1-8 (Call to Spiritual Growth, continued)

Slide 1: (10 min)

Setting the context, Hebrews 5:12 addresses the audience.

- Because the audience has been in “this condition” so long, what should they be doing according to Hebrews 5:12-14 and 6:1?
- How do you think some churches leave their “sheep” in this condition?
- What are some consequences of being in this state of infancy for too long?

Slide 2: (8 min)

There are four fundamental truths to the Christian faith that the author expects his readers to know well (found in verse 2). How do the following verses give you additional understanding of these things?

- Baptism (washings) – read Hebrews 9:9-10, 10:22
- Laying on hands – read 1 Timothy 4:13-15, Acts 13:1-3
- Resurrection – read Romans 6:1-11
- Judgement – read Acts 24:20-26

Slide 3 (10 min)

- In the analogy given in v7-8, what *nourishes* the producing ground, what’s *lacking* in the thorns and thistles ground, and what is the *benefit* of burning a field?
- If these dull believers are in this *arid* state, what is needed to make them productive?
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. What does the fire test in this passage?
- How can you ensure your “soil” is productive?

Cathy's Observations

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- Because the audience has been in “this condition” so long, what should they be doing according to Hebrews 5:12-14 and 6:1 (move onto maturity so that you can teach others)
- How do you think some churches leave their “sheep” in this condition? (constantly giving the basics of salvation, if even that, entertaining the goats and starving the sheep; thinking, “I’ve got salvation, so now I’m done.”)
- What are some consequences of being in this state of infancy for too long (uncared-for sheep)? (Not caring for the body of Christ, dull in their effect on the world around them, living in a state of narcissism or self-interest.)

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There are four fundamental truths to the Christian faith that the author expects his readers to know well (found in verse 2). From the verses below, how do they give you a deeper understanding of these things?

- Baptism (washings) – read Hebrews 9:9-10, 10:22 (purpose of ceremonial cleansing pointing to the completed work of Christ’s blood)
- Laying on hands – read 1 Timothy 4:13-15, Acts 13:1-3 (appointed to special work)
- Resurrection – Romans 6:1-11 (as Christ was raised to life, so we will also be raised to life; dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus)
- Judgement – Acts 24:20-26 (eternal judgment)

Slide 3 (10 min)

- In the analogy given in v7-8, what *nourishes* the producing ground, what’s *lacking* in the thorns and thistles ground, and what is the *benefit* of burning a field? (the rain nourishes; what’s lacking in the thorns and thistles ground is the absorption of the rain; benefit of burning is to start over w/good nourished soil)
- If these dull believers are in this *arid* state, what is needed to make them productive? (the nourishment of the Word; not turning away from God)
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. What does the fire test in this passage? (works)
- How can you ensure your “soil” is productive? (growing in my faith; loving the body of Christ; obeying the Lord)