

# TCC Community Guide

For the week of March 24, 2024

Greater Than: A Series in Hebrews

*Before working through this Guide, ensure everyone has listened to the teaching from March 24, 2024.*

*As your group transitions into a time of being present to God and one another, allow space for transition through quiet and reflection. Have everyone take a prayerful posture, slowly read the verse provided (perhaps a couple of times), allow for 30-60s of silence, and commit the time together to the Lord in prayer. Tonight's reflective reading: Psalm 26*

## Content Overview:

*Read aloud together, Hebrews 5:11-6:3. Pastor Adam taught on this passage, highlighting the following:*

- Having begun teaching on Melchizedek, the author pauses to address concerns he has around the congregation's ability to receive the teaching. He identifies four signs of immaturity:
  1. Being apathetic about maturity (v11): Their language here is strong, the author is accusing them of being careless or spiritually dull. They were demonstrating contentment about where they were at spiritually when God had so much more in store for them.
  2. Being unable to teach (v12): Unable to relay information about Christ to others. Their lack of understanding about the message of Christ was evidenced in their inability to share that message with others.
  3. Stuck in the basics (v12): They should be ready to receive and apply certain teaching, but are not able to because they lack understanding the basics.
  4. Confused about righteousness (v13): Their lack of understanding leads to confusion about right and wrong and Christian living. Living in righteousness means the way you live your life reflects alignment with the purpose and heart of God. Which results in greater peace, and deeper joy.
- As we reflect on these, we may see ourselves in some of them. The author of Hebrews exhorts us to move on towards maturity.
- We should start where we are at. The author calls the congregation to pursue maturity. We can pursue maturity as we:
  - Love Jesus: Cultivate a deeper love for Jesus. Allow passion to drive out apathy.
  - Learn from Jesus: Spend time in the word, learning more about Jesus and the life God has called us to.
  - Live like Jesus: Apply the word to our lives, putting into practice the things we are learning.
  - Love like Jesus: Become "teachers", extending the truth of the message of Jesus to others in word and deed
- Trust Jesus' work in us (6:3): We can be disappointed about our own state of maturity. The author of Hebrews reminds us to trust in God's work in our lives.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What has resonated with you most from this message and Hebrews 5:11-6:3?
2. Which of the four signs of immaturity do you see in your own life?
3. What other obstacles do you experience that keep you from maturing in your life with God?
4. How might you cultivate a greater passion for Jesus?

**End in Prayer:** Invite the group to additional sharing. What are people celebrating these days, what would they like prayer for? Take time to hear prayer requests or testimonies of praise from the group. Give all of these back to the Lord in prayer.

