

Sermon Title: To Maturity

Sermon Series: Inviting – All In Together

Scripture: Hebrews 5:11-14, 2 Timothy 3:16

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Inviting:

- Make church Participation a Weekly Priority**
- Be in intentional relationships for each other's growth**

Maturity

What does Christian maturity look like?

Hebrews 5:11-12 ESV

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Hebrews 5:12b-13 ESV

You need milk, not solid food, 13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

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Hebrews 5:14 ESV

14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

2 Timothy 3:16 ESV

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

Hebrews 5:14 ESV

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Titus 2:11-14 ESV

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Romans 12:2 ESV

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

“The heart cannot love what the mind does not know.”

—Jen Wilkin – Women of the Word

Hebrews 5:14 ESV

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**Invitation: Grow in _____ by _____ yourself through God’s
_____ in God’s _____**

When you don’t understand something in the Bible:

1. Don’t look to _____ for an answer

2. Don't assume that something _____ is _____
3. Don't allow confusion on a _____ issue to cause a _____ crisis of faith
4. Don't be _____ that you can't _____ everything

What should you do?

1. Understand the Bible is a book about _____
2. Make a _____ – New Morning Mercies by Paul David Tripp
3. Start with _____: Ask God for help, understanding
4. Check multiple translations — NIV, ESV, NASB, NLT
5. Ask _____ to get you started
6. Ask for help — ESV Study Bible, NIV Zondervan Study Bible, IVP Background Commentary, Bible Knowledge Commentary

Websites:

BlueLetterBible.org

DesiringGod.org

Gotquestions.org

Women of the Word - Jen Wilkin

Invitation: Grow in maturity by training yourself through God's Grace in God's Word

A Video Clip to watch:

God Wrote a Book – Where Else Will We Run?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOhkldCSs04>

Discussion Questions

Getting to know you Questions:

- What's the oldest book you've ever read? What were some of the problems you encountered when reading it?
- What have been some of the barriers for you in studying or what intimidates you about the Bible?

Into the Bible Questions:

Read Hebrews 5:11-14 and use the DBS questions below

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For Extra Study Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17 and use the DBS questions below.

2 Timothy 3:10-17 ESV

10 You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, 11 my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. 12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom[a] you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God[b] may be complete, equipped for every good work.

A. Observation - What do I see?

- What are words that need defining?
- What are words or themes that are repeating?
- Can you retell it in your own words?
- What did you like about this story?
- What surprised you, confused or bothered you? Why?
- What one principle or insight that stands out from the message was particularly helpful, insightful, encouraging, new, or difficult to grasp?

B. Interpretation - What does it mean?

- What does the passage tell us about God?
- What does the passage tell us about People?
- What does the passage tell us about living to please God?
- Is there a command to follow?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- What does the context tell us about the passage?

Application Questions

C. Application - How does it apply to me?

- What does this passage want me to think and believe about God?
- What does God want me to desire?
- How does this passage change how you view God?
- How does this passage change how you view Yourself?
- How does this passage change how you view Other people?
- How should this passage change how you live?

D. Implementation - What do I do?

- What specifically would you do differently this coming week?
- Who can you tell what you learned?
- How can this group help you do this?

Attachments area

Preview YouTube video God Wrote a Book: Where Else Will We Run?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOhkldCSs04&authuser=0>