



consider Jesus

Hebrews 5.11-6.20

a great hope

discussion guide #6

(This discussion guide is designed to be used **BEFORE** listening to the Bible talk to help in your preparation for Sunday. You can download the talk from alburychurch.org.au)

As you reflect back over Hebrews 1-5, how would you summarise in a sentence or 2 the encouragement of the letter so far?

From 5.10 the writer wants to begin to explore the truth that Jesus is a high priest in the order of Melchizedek. He returns to that in 6.20. But before he does, he needs to give some hard encouragement to his readers.

►Read Hebrews 5.11-6.3

1. **What is the complaint of the writer? What is his desire?**

The list of elementary teachings (vv1-2) seem strange to us. However all 6 are described in the OT. That is, they are part of what God has spoken in the past (1.1-2).

2. **Given what we've seen so far in the letter, and remembering that the majority of the first readers were Jewish Christians, what do you think the writer means by going on to maturity?**

►Read Hebrews 6.4-8

Try & read these verses without being distracted by the question, "Can a Christian fall away?".

3. **What is the warning of these verses?**

4. In what ways is this a repeat of earlier warnings warning in the letter. Look back and find them.

5. How do these verses connect with Jesus' teaching in Mark 4.13-20?

6. What should be our response to these verses & this warning?

▶Read Hebrews 6.9-12

7. What is the encouragement of these verses? What is the challenge of these verses?

▶Read Hebrews 6.13-20

Hint: The 2 unchangeable things of v18 are God's promise & his oath.

8. How is Abraham someone we should imitate?

9. How does God's promise to Abraham help us, the heirs of the promise to Abraham?

10. What is our sure & steadfast anchor? How is this an encouragement to us to persevere until the end?

▶prayer

Thank God for the certainty of his promise fulfilled in Jesus, our great high priest, the Son of God.

Ask for his help in imitating those who inherit the promise through faith & perseverance.