

Preparing Future Generations to Evangelize the World

Calvary Academy for Christian Development Lesson Outline

Christian Family Value System

The Urgency of Now

Getting the Church on Bible Ground

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Theme: MATURATION

Subject: Solid food is for the mature

DEVOTIONAL READING: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

LESSON TEXT: Hebrew 5: 11-14 &6:1-3

MEMORY VERSE: for everyone who partakes only milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil (Hebrew 5: 13-14)

LESSON AIM TO:

1. To name characteristics of spiritual immaturity and spiritual maturity.
2. Able to describe some of the risks of prolonged spiritual immaturity.
3. To identify one step or action we need to take toward greater spiritual maturity.

INTRODUCTION:

When a baby is born they are fed their mother's milk for the first six months of their lives. Then as they grow they are slowly introduced to solid food. As children grow, they also begin to feed themselves. Every mother knows that at a certain point, the baby will not allow others to spoon feed it any longer. The child wants to use the utensil to bring the food into their own mouth. After all, no one would want to spoon feed a forty year old baby, it would be quite embarrassing. The same natural principle can be used for Christians. At first, they should be gathered and taught the first principles of God's Word. They should be encouraged and led into these amazing truths by those who are older in Christ. As this happens, their own skills should start to develop for reading and understanding the Word for themselves. They should ask questions seeking comprehension of what they are studying. All the while being trained through the power of the Holy Spirit to understand what has been written to them in the Scriptures. As they do this, the Lord speaks His powerful truths into their hearts illuminating their lives with this knowledge and truth.

Questions

1. How can we tell, as believers, whether or not we are growing?
2. What should a professing Christian who lacks the motivation to grow do about it? How can he/she get motivated?
3. If you have been a Christian for a long time what have you done with your faith? What can you do now?
4. Why did Jesus directly call us as believers in the church to do something with our faith? How have you responded to this call? Why would someone not respond?
5. What are the consequences when people who are new to the Church are not being taught or disciplined? If your church does not teach or disciple what is its purpose? How can others learn and grow in the faith in your church?
6. How long can you go in your Christian faith by not learning and growing? Why do we have to put in the time and efforts to become the person Christ has called us to be?
7. Have you ever felt that Christ was disappointed in your church of seasoned believers who should know more and do more?
8. What does it take to put into practice the intellectual and wonders of effectual faith to understand what God is saying in His Word?
9. Have you ever been frustrated by the little conviction of faith in others? How can your church turn around its people's slowness of their faith?
10. What is the vital role and duty of the Church to train and disciple its people so they can know and grow in Christ and thus be an impact in the world? How is this done now? How should it be done better?
11. What is important in your spiritual growth journey that you need to know who and what you believe before you can grow more?
12. Why is complacency and laziness evil in the sight of our Lord? How does this cause problems and miss opportunities?

Making it Personal

What does it mean to respond back to Christ by faith? What can you and your church do to show more diligence and passion?

How can you show love and confidence, in pointing out people errs so they do not fail or waist away? How can this be done in love and tactfulness so people are not offended and can take it with maturity?

What can you do better to show your growth to others by your example and your instruction?

Conclusion:

The remedy to this problem is growing up! It takes time and it takes discipline to get in the Word regularly. But Jesus is the one who said, *"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life" (John 6:63)*. The written word is our handbook for this life, Peter said that everything pertaining to life and godliness is found there (2 Peter 1:3-4). The writer of Hebrews closes chapter 5 with these words, *"But solid food is for full-grown men, for those whose senses and mental faculties are trained by practice to discriminate and distinguish between what is morally good and noble and what is evil and contrary either to divine or human law" (Hebrews 5:14)*. As we grow, the more skilled we are in the word, the more we will understand these truths when we hear or read them. We will not need anyone to first explain the foundation again; instead we will build upon it entering into the fullness of God with the complete understanding that belongs to the spiritually mature.

Please read Hebrew 6:9-12 for next week lesson

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