

NOTES:

We see the writer of Hebrews challenging us to continue growing. They list 3 coupled areas that had been consistently talked about in areas that we need to grow through. We begin the Christian life with repentance, a turning away from our sins to encounter the living God in a new relationship. This new relationship grows into a life of faith that will grow throughout your life.

Baptism is a moment of identifying with what Jesus has done. Baptism doesn't require us to be good enough or to earn it, once we are baptized, we don't need to go back and relay the foundation that we have been through. After we baptize people, we then immediately lay hands on them and invite the Holy Spirit into their lives. There is an importation of blessing and healing, a release of power, and a setting apart for the work of the Lord that can come in these moments.

The final coupling is the resurrection of the dead and eternal life. We start with resurrection of the dead focusing on how Jesus defeated death and how this means our physical bodies will be resurrected. The focus on eternal life tells us that everything that we do in our life today matters and lasts into the future eternally. This creates an accountability to how we use all that God gives us.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Why does repentance require a change? Why can't we just keep our old life and add in Jesus?

How has your faith in God grown (or lessened) through this last season?

Why is baptism important? Share about your baptism.

How ave you seen the power of laying on of hands in times when you have prayed over other people?

How is resurrection of the dead a foundational, elementary teaching?

When you're before the Lord's judgement, how will you feel about the things you've done/not done this week? How does thinking about these things lead you to repentance and hope for the future?

What is the danger in becoming stagnant and no longer growing in your relationship with the Father?

VERSES:

Hebrews 6:1-3

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, 2 instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And God permitting, we will do so.