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Read Hebrews 6:1-3

1) List 6 of the “elementary teachings” stated in verses 1-3.

Why would the writer tell the Hebrews to “move beyond” these “teachings”? Do you think he disagrees with the teachings?

What point is the writer making in these first 3 verses?

2) What benefits do you receive if you “move beyond elementary teachings”?

Read Hebrews 6:4-8

3) In verses 4-6, how does the writer describe those who he is warning?

Different theologians have different interpretations of the warnings the writer has listed. Below are a few interpretations. Comment on each:

   a) Hypothetical danger: a warning to the spiritually immature not to reject God’s offer of salvation.

   b) Genuine believers who renounce Christ and want to return to Judaism: one can fall away and leave their salvation.

   c) Genuine believers who fall away from service.

   d) These never were true believers.

4) How does each verse or verses below encourage you in your faith?
   Romans 8:38-39
   Philippians 1:6
   I Peter 1:4-5
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5) Explain the agricultural illustration in verses 7, 8 as it relates to verses 4-6 and Matthew 13:18-23.

Read Hebrews 6:9-12

6) What is the purpose of verses 9-12?

What is the writer’s desire for his “dear friends”?

7) Who is someone with faith and patience that you desire to imitate? Are you that person for someone else?

Read Hebrews 6:13-20

8) What was God’s promise to Abraham? See also Genesis 22:15-18. According to Hebrews 6:15, when did Abraham receive the promise?

What 2 unchangeable things support God’s promise to Abraham’s heirs?

What promise of God’s are you patiently waiting to receive today? What can you learn from Abraham about waiting for God’s promise?

9) Suggest what “the/this hope” means?

10) The anchor (used only here) became a popular symbol for early Christians. Why do you think this was a helpful metaphor?

How does the illustration of the anchor help you with the question of security of salvation? See also Hebrews 2:1.
11) Re-read the writer’s warnings, encouragements, and reminders in Hebrews 6:4-20. What do you take away about:

i. Maturity in faith

ii. Security in faith

iii. Fruit of faith

iv. Patience in faith

v. Hope through faith