Discussion Question for Hebrews 6:1-12

Read the entire section first and pray for guidance and wisdom.

- What is the Author encouraging his readers to do in **verse 1**?
- What does it mean for a believer to "go on to maturity"?
- What is maturity important? (Read Ephesians 4:14)
- Why do you think some believers get stuck on the basics and have trouble moving on?
- As we approach verses 4-6 we use two vitally important rules of biblical interpretation. They are 1) Context (which is, interpreting these verses according to the overall theme the author is presenting, and 2) allowing the Bible to interpret the Bible. This second rule means using the rest of God's Word to help us interpret a specific passage. This is also described as allowing difficult passages to be shaped and understood in the light of clearer, less challenging passages.
- How did Pastor Paul use the rule of CONTEXT in his interpretation of these verses?
- How did Pastor Paul use the second rule of interpretation?
- How do we know that the warning of :4-6 is not addressed to believers who occasionally fall into sin?
- Who DO these verses apply to?
- How would lapsing back into the legalism of Judaism subject Christ to public disgrace and in effect crucify Him again (see 6:6)?
- How are maturing, committed Christians like the land in 6:7?
- How are those who fall away like the land in 6:8?
- What do you think is the essential point the author wants to get across in this section?
- What one aspect of this section of verses that you would like to take to heart this week?
- Why should we not be afraid of losing our salvation?