

## Hebrews 6 -Small Group Guide

### Opening Prayer

### Key Takeaways:

1. Salvation comes only through a personal, transformative relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. True believers cannot lose their salvation, which is secured by God's grace and the Holy Spirit.
3. Genuine faith is characterized by perseverance and a transformed life.
4. Many who claim to be Christians may not truly be saved if their lives don't reflect genuine transformation.
5. True repentance and faith go beyond a "just enough to get by" mentality.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?
2. The pastor mentioned six warnings from Hebrews about not persevering in faith. Which one resonated with you the most and why?
3. How would you explain the difference between having a "bad day" as a Christian versus living a lifestyle of sin without conviction?
4. The sermon highlighted three tests of true repentance and faith. Let's discuss each one:
  - a. Do you still feel convicted by the Holy Spirit when you sin? How do you typically respond to that conviction?
  - b. Are you actively seeking to mature in your faith beyond basic principles? What challenges do you face in this area?
  - c. What kind of "fruit" do you see in your life? How has your faith impacted your actions and attitudes?

5. The pastor said, "You cannot fake a relationship with Jesus forever." What are your thoughts on this statement? How can we ensure our faith is genuine?

6. How does the analogy of the Christian life being a marathon rather than a 5K race challenge or encourage you?

7. Reflect on Hebrews 6:7-8. How can we cultivate "useful crops" in our spiritual lives instead of "thorns and thistles"?

#### Practical Applications:

1. This week, pay close attention to your responses when you feel convicted of sin. Practice immediate repentance and make efforts to rectify any harm caused.

2. Choose one area of your faith where you feel you're still in the "elementary" stage. Commit to studying this topic more deeply, perhaps by reading a book or doing an in-depth Bible study.

3. Identify one way you can produce "good fruit" this week (e.g., acts of service, sharing your faith, encouraging another believer).

4. Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal any areas where you might be rationalizing sin or settling for a "just enough" mentality in your faith.

#### Closing Prayer:

Lord, help us to examine our hearts honestly. Give us the courage to pursue genuine repentance and faith that transforms our lives. May we persevere to the end, producing good fruit that glorifies You. Amen.