

SHIFT (September 13, 2020)
Shifting Out of Spiritual Neutral
Hebrews 5:11- 6:1 – Discussion Questions



Series Big Idea – When the pandemic first hit, our initial focus was on survival. Hunker down and wait. What is our biblical motivation “shift” out of neutral despite the uncertainty and chaos? We will be calling all followers of Jesus to “shift” out of neutral and into a mindset of growth and advancement with Jesus leading the way!

Message Big Idea – Ongoing spiritual growth requires faith and a commitment for development. What happens when circumstances get in the way? We call followers of Jesus to actively pursue growth by: 1. Taking responsibility for your own growth; 2. Learning to feed yourself; 3. Intentionally surrounding yourself with a community of believers.

Lean In:

- Take some time and share with each other: What are you grateful for today? What are you struggling with today?
- Who remembers what Newton’s 1st, 2nd and 3rd Law of Motion are? How might this apply to spiritual growth (or spiritual motion)?

Look Down:

- Read Hebrews 5:11- 6:1 (Read twice - ESV version, and either NLT or Message)
- Go around the group and briefly retell the passage in your own words.
- What word or phrase “jumped off the page” and intrigued you the most?

Look Out:

- What does this passage teach us about God? About us?
- Have you personally seen or witnessed someone stall or go backwards in their faith? Did you spot any of the following in their spiral downward?
 - Heart grows cold
 - Slide backwards
 - Look for quick solutions
 - Vulnerable to deception

Look In:

- What are you actively investing in to stop a backwards path in your spiritual life?

Live It Out:

- What can you do this week to begin or build up your growth plan?
- What is one thing God seems to be asking you to do in response to this passage? Who can you share this with in the next 48 hours?

Developing a Spiritual Growth Plan

#1 – LOVE GOD

Tools to connect with God (through Word and Prayer)

- You Version Bible Reading Plan
- Right Now Media

2 – LOVE OTHERS

Join a Small Group

- Go to the Group Life page on NB website

Serve on a Ministry Team

- Local Impact / Sharefest / Common Cause Groups
- Global Impact – Bridge to the Nations

#3 – MAKE DISCIPLES

- Invest in helping one other person take steps (grow) in their spiritual life
- Learn how to help others (Peer Care) grow in their faith
- Learn how to help others (Peer Share) share their faith and pray for the lost