

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Hebrews: "Greater"

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Message: A Greater High Priest

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Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:1-2a NIV

Long ago in many ways and at many times God's prophets spoke his message to our ancestors. But now at last, God sent his Son to bring his message to us.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: We have a better High Priest who gives a better hope to draw near to God.

Read Hebrews 7:1-10

1. How does the author of Hebrews use the story of Melchizedek to illustrate the nature of Christ's priesthood? What are the limitations of the Levitical priesthood? Why was there a need for another priest to come in the order of Melchizedek?
2. Melchizedek foreshadows Jesus, our ultimate King of Peace. Where in your life right now do you feel a lack of peace? Are there internal struggles or anxieties that you are holding onto? How can you surrender these to Jesus and experience His peace more fully?
3. Abraham saw the greatness of Melchizedek and gave him an offering of ten percent. Giving is a very personal part of our walk with Jesus but also reveals where our heart is. What motivates your giving? How can you cultivate a heart that gives generously and joyfully as an act of worship?



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Read Hebrews 7:11-28

4. Jesus is able to save completely those who come to God through Him. How do you personally come to God through Jesus? Are there barriers in your life that prevent you from fully drawing near to God? Why should we never lose wonder in the thought that God not only wants us to draw near to Him but that He has made a way for us to do so?
5. Jesus is our High Priest who intercedes for us. How does this impact your view of prayer? Are there specific people or situations that you feel led to pray for regularly? Are there times when you find it difficult to pray for someone else? Why do you think that is?
6. Do you think over time we can become desensitized to the truth of Jesus' sacrifice? What are some warning signs that this might be happening? What practices or habits can we adopt to keep the sacrifice of Jesus fresh and significant in our hearts and minds?
7. How does understanding Jesus as our perfect High Priest affect your approach to dealing with sin and guilt? How do you experience God's forgiveness in your life? Share a specific instance where this truth became very real to you. How can we ensure that our understanding of forgiveness through Jesus leads to genuine repentance rather than complacency?
8. Hebrews 4:15-16 emphasized how Jesus is like us—that He's able to relate to our weakness. This chapter, though, places an emphasis on how Jesus is different from us and any other human priest. Why are both the similarity of Jesus to us and His difference from us important for His role as priest?



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