

HEBREWS

< JESUS IS GREATER >

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The Humble High Priest

In Hebrews 4:14-5:10, the writer is describing to us how Jesus is our "mega" high priest. Jesus was made high priest by God and he charted a path to God that was marked by his suffering, sacrifice, and obedience. Jesus is like us in all of our weaknesses, yet without sin. Since he is able to sympathize with our weakness and is our source of eternal salvation, we can hold on to our confession and approach the throne of grace with boldness.

1. How do you view the role of a priest? Is that something you grew up understanding or is it something foreign to you? What is significant about the role of priest as it pertains to God and our access to Him? Why do we need a priest?
2. How is Jesus the "mega" high priest? What sets him apart from all other priests?
3. What is significant about Jesus and his prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane? How did Jesus wrestle with doubting the Father's goodness? How did He respond?
4. What does it mean to "approach the throne of grace with boldness"? How can we be "flippant" in approaching God? Has there been a time where you were bold in approaching the throne of grace? Has there been a time where you knew you needed to be bold but weren't? Are you in a season where you feel disoriented and more prone to temptation?
5. Do you sense God pressing this question deeper into your heart, "What my son did was enough for me but why is it not enough for you?"
6. How can we, as a community group, encourage each other to be bold in approaching the throne of grace and hold fast to our confession?