

Series: Jesus Christ, the Better Way

Sermon: A Better High Priest

Primary Text: Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Discussion guide:

- Share a time when you were looking for someone or something and it was right there all along (i.e. your glasses were on your head or the phone was in your hand)
- In the sermon we quoted the French monk “Brother Lawrence” as saying that the presence of God is something that we must practice. How do we do that? (see also Proverbs 3:6)
- In the sermon the point was made that the presence of God is heaven – Alfred Lord Tennyson called God’s presence “the very joy of my heart”. How and why is our acknowledgement of God’s presence like heaven? (see Psalms 23:3, John 17:1, Matthew 11:28-30)
- Read Hebrews 5:1-4.
 - What is a “high priest”?
- Read Hebrews 4:14-16.
 - What is the significance of Jesus “passing through the heavens” and being the Son of God to the fact that He is the “Great High Priest”? (see Hebrews 5:5-6)
 - Why is it important to know that Jesus experienced temptation just as we did?
 - What is the significance of the fact that we can “draw near to the throne of grace with confidence”?
 - Why do we take this for granted?
 - How is this the same as “practicing His presence”?
- Read Hebrews 5:7-10.
 - What is the prayer with tears and cries a reference to? (see Matthew 26:36-46)
 - Why is it significant that Jesus knows what suffering is the fact that He is our High Priest?
 - Why is it significant that Jesus knows what it’s like to be told “no” by God?
 - What do you think it means that He learned obedience through His suffering?
- What does it mean to you that He is the source of salvation?