



Week of: **March 1st, 2026**

NR HAPPENINGS

- Casas Por Cristo Juarez, Mexico house build, March 23-28.
- Hurricane Helene Relief Trip, April 15-18.

ICE BREAKER

If you could ask one question to a Levitical priest from the Old Testament, what would it be?

STUDY

Bible Application – 30 minutes

Read Hebrews 7:11-19 together

This passage teaches that God's ultimate desire has always been for His people to draw near to Him, but before Christ this could only happen through a limited and temporary priestly system. The Levitical priesthood; filled with sacrifices, rituals, and a high priest entering God's presence once a year could never bring true intimacy with God or cleanse the conscience forever. It allowed access but not perfection. Jesus, however, is the better hope God promised—the perfect, royal, and eternal Priest who abolishes the distance and brings believers directly into God's presence through His finished work.

1. Draw Near to Christ, the Perfect Priest (vv. 11–12)

The old priesthood could not make anyone perfect, because its sacrifices only covered sin temporarily. But Jesus, the flawless Priest, offers a once-for-all sacrifice, gives permanent cleansing, and grants unrestricted access to God. Our perfection is not achieved through striving but received through Christ's finished work.

Discuss:

1. What are practical ways we still act like our access to God depends on our performance rather than Christ's perfection?
 2. How does Christ's perfect sacrifice change your confidence in approaching God daily?
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2. Draw Near to Christ, the Royal Priest (vv. 13–14)

Jesus comes from Judah, not Levi, showing that His priesthood is entirely different—greater, better, and beyond the old system. He unites the roles of King and Priest, meaning the One who intercedes for us also rules over all things. Because our mediator is also our sovereign King, our salvation is secure and our lives rest under His wise authority.

Discuss:

1. How does knowing your mediator is also the King strengthen your security as a believer?
 2. In what areas of life do you find it hardest to trust Jesus' royal authority?
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3. Draw Near to Christ, the Eternal Priest (vv. 15–18)

Unlike the Levitical priests who died and were replaced, Jesus holds His priesthood forever because He lives forever. His ministry never stops, His intercession never ceases, and therefore our access to God is permanent and secure. Our hope is stable because our Priest is eternal and indestructible.

Discuss:

1. What does it mean to you personally that Jesus "always lives to make intercession" for you?
2. How does Christ's eternal priesthood help you persevere through seasons of doubt or suffering?

Application:

1. Draw Near in Confidence — Not Performance

Many Christians still come to God based on how well they feel they've behaved or how "cleaned up" they are. But access to God rests fully on Christ's finished work—not on our spiritual track record. We draw near honestly and boldly because our Priest has already done everything needed.

2. Draw Near in Submission — Not Resistance

Because Jesus is the Royal Priest, drawing near means surrendering our plans, sin, and desire for control. We cannot approach the King while clinging to rebellion. True nearness requires trust, yielding to His authority, and believing He governs our lives wisely.

3. Draw Near in Perseverance — Not Fear

Since Christ is the Eternal Priest, our access to God never expires. We draw near *continually*—when we sin, doubt, suffer, or feel distant. His intercession never pauses, and His priesthood never ends, so our hope remains secure in every season.

Additional scripture for further study: **Hebrews 4:14-16, John 14:6, Psalm 110:4, Romans 5:1-2, Ephesians 2:13-18, 1 John 2:1-2**

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Prayer – 30 minutes

Spend time together or in groups praying over these items and other prayer requests brought up by group members.

Prayer Items:

1. ***Pray for hearts that consistently draw near to Christ***—not out of performance or fear, but out of confidence in His perfect, royal, and eternal priesthood.
2. ***Pray for a deeper surrender to Christ's leadership***—that each person would trust His authority in areas where they struggle with control or uncertainty.