

Approach the Throne of Grace with Confidence August 13, 2023 Hebrews 4:14-15 Questions for Study and Group Discussion

** Before you begin, please read Hebrews 4:14-15.

- 1. What are some initial observations or thoughts you have about this passage?
- 2. After reading this passage what do you think the writer of Hebrews is trying to accomplish in this passage?
- 3. Hebrews 4:16 encourages us to "approach God's throne of grace with confidence." What do you know about God and about yourself that would make you feel like "drawing back" instead of "drawing near" to God's presence?
- 4. What about Jesus being our Great High Priest should make us feel confident about approaching the throne of grace?
- 5. Verse 16 says that Jesus is able to "empathize with our weaknesses" and "tempted in every way we are, yet He did not sin". What does this verse reveal about the heart of Jesus? What difference does this reveal between temptation and sin?
- 6. How does knowing that Jesus was tempted comfort you?
- 7. What is the promise found in verse 16? How have you seen this promise to be true in your own life?
- 8. How do the truths in Hebrews 4:14-16 help you approach God with confidence?
- 9. What is one thing not mentioned in these questions that you would like to talk about?
- 10. How are you going to approach God's throne of grace this week?
- 11. **Challenge: Memorize Hebrews 4:14-16 (**These verses are a great weapon to use when trials and temptations come.) "14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."