



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of October 23, 2022

Sermon: "A Priest Forever"

Text: Hebrews 5:1-10

SUMMARY

We have an essentially universal desire for the ministry of a high priest - to be represented faithfully before God, and therefore to be known by God. Within that desire we can recognize that we desire a high priest who is like us; one who understands our life and situation because he has similar experience. At the same time, one who is not like us; one who has been clearly called and set apart by God for the specific work of offering gifts and sacrifices for sin. Jesus uniquely and perfectly fulfills the qualifications required in any high priest, and the desire we have for a high priest. The path to his appointment as high priest lay not along the way of lineage, but along the way of suffering. Although a Son, he learned obedience and perfectly completed that obedience in his suffering and death on the cross. Through his death he became the source of eternal salvation and was appointed by God "a priest forever." Jesus Christ is our forever-priest who has secured for us a forever-salvation.

FOR GROUPS

Describe an instance in which you have observed someone expressing their desire for the ministry of a high priest - to represent one to God faithfully.

In what ways have you expressed this desire in your own life apart from Christ? What has been your experience when you have put your trust in "lesser priests?" Why is it important to you that you are dealt gently with when you "go astray through ignorance?"

How do you show mercy and grace to others, deal gently with them, when they "go astray through ignorance?"

God has made a promise concerning the Son that cannot be revoked - he is "a priest forever." How does this promise give you confidence in the gospel?

How does Christ's obedience to completion, through suffering, encourage you?

How can you grow in obedience and Christ-likeness through suffering?