

Discussion Guide

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Message: *Merciful and Faithful*

PRIMARY PASSAGE: Hebrews 2:17-18 (CSB)

Therefore, He had to be like His brothers and sisters in every way, so that He could become a merciful and faithful high priest in matters pertaining to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. For since He himself has suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted.

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Jesus strengthens and encourages us through every trial and temptation through the reality of who He is and His relationship to us.
- Jesus is our brother. He is made like us, and stands as our merciful and faithful High Priest. He calls us to come boldly before the throne of grace to receive mercy and help in time of need.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. This message presented to us ways of thinking about and relating to Jesus that many of us might not think about. How does this shape how we see Jesus?
2. All of the points in the message focused on what's true about Jesus and how He sees His people. How does Jesus seeing us as His brothers and sisters affect how we see ourselves as followers of Jesus?
3. The author of Hebrews calls his readers to come before the throne of grace to receive mercy and help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16), which relates to going to Jesus directly in prayer. What does going to the throne of grace to receive mercy and help look like, and how can you continue to pursue this in your life?
4. How does knowing Jesus in this way give us boldness and confidence not only to pray, but to live boldly as followers of Jesus?

Prayer: Spend some time in prayer, boldly going before the throne of grace, rejoicing in who Jesus is and your relationship with Him, and seeking His help and mercy for what you are going through in this moment.