

# We Have Such a High Priest

## A Re-Introduction to Hebrews

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### The Better Word

- The Son revealed
- A strong exhortation and the warning repeated
- The High Priesthood introduced

### The Better Way

- The hereditary surpassed by a new order
- The temporary overturned by the eternal
- The flawed fulfilled in perfection

### A Preview of What's to Come

- Bookends: Jesus in His High Priestly role
- Sanctuary, Sacrifice, and Covenant

#### Giving definition to the past, present, and future

- The long road of promise that leads to Jesus
- Don't let the chaos and noise obscure the glory of Christ
- Interpret the present by the certainty of the future

# For Life Group Discussion

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1. How many stories can you think of that include a quest? How many parables of Jesus follow that pattern? Is it helpful to think of life as part of the grand Biblical adventure? Why or why not?

2. What is the letter to the Hebrews about? How would you describe the context and content to someone new to the Bible?

3. Do you enjoy studying the Old Testament? What parts are difficult? How can the concept of "shadows" and foundations help inspire your study? Read Rom 15:4 & 1 Cor 10:11-12 for additional insights.

4. The original readers were tempted to drift away from Jesus and return to old ways as a response to the pressures of opposition and persecution (Heb 2:1-3; 3:12-13; 5:11 etc.).

- How can the challenges we experience wear us down and cause us to lose focus? What "pre-Christian" ways of thinking and behavior are most tempting? What (false) promises do they make?
- How does our author strengthen us against these temptations? Read 3:1 and 12:1-2 for examples

5. Read Heb 6:13-20. Does it make a difference to interpret present circumstances according to God's promises for the future? How? Give specific personal examples.