

Jesus Our High Priest

Hebrews 4:14-16

Our Great High Priest

- Thru Jesus we can come toward a holy God
- He is the crucified and risen One who ascended to God's very presence
- He is the Son of God, able to do all He promised

Our Sinless Yet Sympathetic High Priest

- A tangible reality we experience
- Turning hearts to praise and thanksgiving
- Jesus experienced every kind of testing and temptation
- But never crossed the line into consent and action

Our Accessible High Priest

- The basis of our confidence is the truth of our confession
- Instead of judgment we encounter a place of help
- Mercy received as pardon for the guilty
- Grace found is a gift we don't deserve

Helping in Our Time of Need

- Lord, hear my prayer...

For Life Group Discussion

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1. Read Mat 12:18-20. As a believer, have you ever felt like a bruised reed or a smoldering wick? How do these verses comfort and reassure us during those seasons?
2. Read Heb 2:17-18, 3:1-2, & 4:14-16. How much do you already know about the Old Testament High Priest? What are we learning about the way Jesus fulfills the role of ultimate High Priest?
3. Why would Heb 4:14-16 follow the warning passage of 3:7-4:13? How do those previous verses prepare us for this emphasis on Jesus priestly ministry?
4. When you are struggling with temptation, does it make a difference that Jesus can sympathize, since He faced the same thing? Explain.
5. Read Matt 4:1-11 & 26:39-40. In these two great moments of testing and temptation, how did Jesus respond? What can we learn from His example?
6. Read Heb 4:16 again. Are you in need of fresh mercy and grace? Do you believe that God is able to satisfy that need, and ready to meet you at that place of weakness? How can others in the group pray along with you?