



Life Group Leader's Guide: Hebrews 7:1-19

BIG IDEA of Hebrews: If you are a genuine believer, your endurance in the Christian faith will be directly connected to how clearly you see who Jesus is, what He has done for you AND what He is doing for you right NOW.

Summary

The sermon, part of the *Jesus Is Better* series on Hebrews, focuses on the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ and how it offers believers a "better hope." It explores Hebrews 5:1-10 and 7:1-19, emphasizing Jesus' superiority over the Levitical priesthood through His divine appointment as High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Key themes include:

1. **The Role of a Priest** – A priest serves as a mediator between God and humanity. The Old Testament Levitical priesthood was imperfect and temporary, whereas Jesus' priesthood is eternal and perfect.
2. **Melchizedek's Significance** – Melchizedek, a mysterious Old Testament figure, foreshadows Jesus' priesthood, demonstrating that His ministry surpasses the limitations of the Levitical system.

3. **A Better Hope Through Jesus** – Unlike the Old Covenant, which could not bring true perfection, Jesus' priesthood provides direct and permanent access to God, eternal salvation, and true transformation.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for gathering us here today. As we delve into Your Word, open our hearts and minds to understand the depth of Your love and the role of Jesus as our ultimate royal priest. Help us to grasp the hope and assurance that comes from knowing Him. May we be receptive to what You want to teach us today. Amen.

Key Verses

Genesis 14:18-20

Psalms 110:4

Hebrews 7:11-19

1 John 2:1

Questions

1. Understanding Priesthood

- How does understanding the role of a priest help you appreciate Jesus' role as our High Priest?
- In what ways do you sometimes rely on your own efforts instead of trusting Jesus as your mediator with God?

2. Jesus vs. the Levitical Priesthood

- The sermon emphasized that Jesus' priesthood is eternal and perfect. How does this truth give you confidence in your relationship with God?
- Unlike human priests, Jesus intercedes for us continuously. How does knowing that Jesus is always interceding for you change the way you approach prayer?

3. The Significance of Melchizedek

- Melchizedek was both a king and a priest. What does this teach us about Jesus' unique role as both our King and our High Priest?
- Abraham honored Melchizedek by giving a tenth of his possessions. How can you honor Jesus in your daily life?

4. A Better Hope

- Hebrews 7:19 says, "A better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God." What are some practical ways you can draw near to God this week?
- How does the hope found in Jesus help you endure difficult seasons in your faith journey?

5. Living Out This Truth

- What are some areas of your life where you need to trust in Jesus' completed work rather than trying to "earn" God's favor?
- How can you share this "better hope" with those around you in your family, workplace, or community?
- If Jesus' priesthood grants us full access to God, what changes might you make in your daily prayer or worship life?

Life Application

This week, take time each day to reflect on Jesus' role as your high priest and advocate. Consider how this understanding can transform your approach to prayer and your daily walk with God.

Key Takeaways

Jesus is the ultimate royal priest who fulfills the role perfectly.

His priesthood offers a new covenant and direct access to God.

The Old Covenant was limited and imperfect, but Jesus' priesthood is eternal and perfect.

Understanding Jesus as our advocate provides assurance and hope.

Believers are called to live confidently and draw near to God through Jesus.

Ending Prayer

Lord, we thank You for the hope and assurance we have in Jesus, our ultimate royal priest. Help us to live confidently in this truth and draw near to You each day. May we be transformed by Your love and grace, and may our lives reflect Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.