

RADIANT SAVIOR

Week 7 – Radiant Savior Hebrews 7-8– April 14, 2024

Check out one of these helpful resources:

How to Read Hebrews – Tim Mackie: <https://bit.ly/3OSjeXD>

Hebrews – Derwin Gray: <https://bit.ly/3OOTI5w>

Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW (Build Relationships)

- In your life, who are some people you look up to as leaders or mentors (doesn't have to be religious)?
- If Jesus is now our High Priest, what roles does that mean he now fulfills?
- Share a time when you experienced God as your faithful intercessor and mediator.
- When you think of the "new covenant" promised in Hebrews 8, what stands out most to you?
- How has your view of Jesus as the ultimate high priest and king impacted your daily life?
- What was the role of the high priest in the Old Testament? (Read Hebrews 5:1; Leviticus 16:11, 14-16, 30; and Lev. 10:11)



GROW: (Grow Spiritually)

- How does having Jesus as our High Priest as well as the Holy Spirit living within us change things practically for us as believers? (See Heb. 7:19, 25 and John 14:26)
- (Hebrews 7:6-7) Why is it significant that Melchizedek blesses Abraham, the father of the Israelites?
- Hebrews 4:15-16 tells us how Jesus is like us, but Hebrews 7-8 focuses on how Jesus is different from us and from any other human priest. Why are both these similarities AND differences between us and Jesus important and why do they matter?
- In Hebrews 7, the author compares and contrasts the priesthoods of Melchizedek and the Levitical priesthood. What are the key differences highlighted? How does this point to the superiority of Christ's priesthood? (refer to Heb 7:1-10, 11-19)
- Hebrews 7:15-17 states that Jesus became a priest "by the power of an indestructible life." Unpack the significance of this description. How does it demonstrate the permanence and effectiveness of Christ's priesthood? (cross-reference Heb 7:23-25)
- The author makes a point that Melchizedek had no genealogy tied to his priesthood (Heb 7:3). What is the significance of this, and how does it foreshadow the eternal nature of Christ's priesthood? (see Heb 7:11-17, 23-24)
- Hebrews 7:26-28 provides a rich description of the character and work of our high priest, Jesus. Examine each descriptor and explain how it highlights the superiority of Christ over the Levitical priests.
- In Hebrews 8:1-2, the author states that Jesus is the "true tent" and "true tabernacle" set up by God, not by human hands. Unpack the significance of this imagery and how it points to the new covenant. (see also Heb 9:11-12, 24)
- Hebrews 8:6 describes Jesus as the "mediator of a better covenant." What are the key differences between the old and new covenants according to Hebrews 8:7-13? How do these differences demonstrate the superiority of the new covenant?
- (Hebrews 8:13) In what way does the author say the new covenant makes the old covenant obsolete? How does Jesus fulfill the promises of the old covenant?
- The book of Hebrews repeatedly emphasizes Jesus' role as our high priest and intercessor (Heb 7:25, 8:1, 9:24). Why is this truth so vital for believers? How should it shape our confidence in approaching God?



SHOW: (Live on Mission)

- What stands out to you about who God is and what His character is like in the passage? Is there one of these aspects that you need God to show you specifically in your life right now?
- In light of Jesus' superior priesthood, how can you deliberately draw near to God with confidence this week? What spiritual disciplines or practices might help you do this?