



## Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Hebrews 10:1-18

**Overview:** In this passage, the author concludes his argument about the superiority of Jesus' priestly work. Unlike the many sacrifices of the Old Testament, Jesus' single sacrifice has made and is making us perfectly holy. Unlike the busy priests of the Old Testament, Jesus now sits at the right hand of God. Ultimately, this passage helps us understand what Christ's death accomplished and consider its significance for our lives.



### Into the Word

In verses 3 the author alludes to the Day of Atonement (Lev 16). According to verses 1-4, why did the sacrifices of the Old Testament need to be offered continually?

Consider: Leviticus 20:26; 1 Peter 1:15-16

Note: Atonement is how God deals with sin and brings sinners back to Himself.

In verses 5-10 the author of Hebrews quotes Psalm 40:6-8 and connects it to Jesus. What does Psalm 40 teach us about God's will? How does Jesus fulfill God's will?

**Consider verses 14-18.** In verse 14 the author reminds us that through Jesus we are at the same time those who have been perfected and those who are being sanctified. How are we made holy in God's sight? How is this holiness applied to our lives?

**Resource: Sanctification**



### Into the Heart

According to this passage, how does God see you in Christ? Do you find this difficult to believe about yourself? Why or why not?

Consider: Colossians 1:21-22

How does our holiness in Christ motivate us to live holy lives?

Consider: Romans 6:1-2

**Resource: If All My Sins Are Forgiven - Why Pursue Holiness?**



### Into the World

**Read Luke 5:12-15.** Under the Law of Moses leprosy rendered someone unclean and unable to draw near to God (cf. Lev 13). How does Jesus approach this man?

Who in our culture might feel unable to draw near to God? How should we approach these people in the name of Jesus?

**Resource: How Jesus Traded Places With a Leper**



## **Growth Group Prayer Guide**

*"He always lives to make intercession for them" (Heb 7:25)*

***Use the prayers below to root your prayer for one another in Scripture.***

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of glory, give us (or \_\_\_\_\_) the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of you, having the eyes of our (his, her) heart(s) enlightened, that we (he, she) may know what is the hope to which you have called us (him, her), what are the riches of your glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of your power toward us who believe, according to the working of your great might. (Based on Ephesians 1:17-19)

Lord, make us (or \_\_\_\_\_) increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that you may establish our (his, her) heart(s) blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. (Based on 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13)

May we (or \_\_\_\_\_) not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our (his, her) requests be made known to you, O God. And may your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our (his, her) heart(s) and mind(s) in Christ Jesus. (Based on Philippians 4:6-7)

God of hope, fill us (or \_\_\_\_\_) with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we (he, she) may abound in hope. (Based on Romans 15:13)

Lord Jesus Christ, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort our hearts (or the heart of \_\_\_\_\_) and establish us (him, her) in every good work and word. (Based on 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

O Lord, help us (or \_\_\_\_\_) always to rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer. (Based on Romans 12:12)

*"Prayer is nothing but taking God's promises to him, and saying to him, "Do as thou hast said."  
Prayer is the promise utilized." - Charles Spurgeon*