



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Hebrews 4:14-16

Introduction: What is something that you do with confidence?

Overview: In this passage the author of Hebrews begins to consider the priesthood of Jesus Christ. As our high priest, Jesus is able to help us in our time of need, identify with our weakness, and offer us everlasting hope. Ultimately, this passage encourages us to persevere in our faith by drawing near to God with the confidence that is provided through Jesus our High Priest.



Into the Word

Verse 14 reminds us that Jesus has “passed through the heavens” as our high priest.

Read Hebrews 9:24. According to this passage, how is Jesus’ ministry greater than the priests of the Old Testament?

Resource: The Intercessory Work of Christ

Compare verse 15 with Matthew 4:1-11. How has Jesus been tempted in every way? How does this enable Jesus to sympathize with us in our weakness?

Is there a confidence before God that is inappropriate? **Read Leviticus 16:1-7.** What gave Israel proper confidence before God? How is this fulfilled in Jesus?



Into the Heart

Do you feel confident when you draw near to God? Why or Why Not? How can we grow in a proper confidence as we draw near to God in prayer?

Consider: Hebrews 7:25

How will remembering Jesus’ temptation change how we approach him when we are tempted? How is Jesus able to help you resist temptation?

Consider: Hebrews 2:18; 1 Corinthians 10:13

Resource: Sympathetic to Weakness



Into the World

How is Jesus’ high priesthood good news to those going through hardship? How can this passage help us encourage others as they go through hardship?

Does Jesus’ work as our high priest change how we think about praying for others? If so, how? How can we increase in our devotion to intercede for one another?

Resource: How We Can Best Pray for Our Hurting Friends