



Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Hebrews 7:11-28

Introduction: Why do people upgrade their phones, tablets, or computers?

Overview: In this passage, the author compares Jesus' priesthood with the priesthood of the Old Testament. Though appointed by God, the Levitical priesthood was imperfect and impermanent - demonstrating the need for Jesus' better priesthood. Ultimately, this passage explains why Jesus' intercession provides perfect security.



Into the Word

Consider verses 15-16, 23. How do the genealogies of the Old Testament prove that the Levitical priesthood was always impermanent? Why can Jesus be a priest forever?

Note: In the Old Testament only Levites from the line of Aaron could serve as priests.

Compare verse 11 with Hebrews 10:1-4. How do we know that the Old Testament sacrifices were imperfect? If the Levitical sacrifices could never perfectly atone for sin, what was their purpose?

Note: "Perfect" means achieving its full and intended end.

Resource: Made Perfect Forever

Consider verses 26-28. How does Jesus' priesthood help us understand his life, death, resurrection, and ascension?

Compare: John 19:30



Into the Heart

How can we live as if Jesus' sacrifice for our sin was not perfect? How does Jesus' perfect sacrifice provide us with a clear conscience?

Consider verse 25. How will remembering that Jesus is perfectly and permanently praying for you change how you pray?

Resource: Once and For All



Into the World

How does the Bible's vision of Jesus' priesthood differ from other world religions or ideologies?

Resource: Law & Gospel

Does Jesus' priesthood matter when we talk to others about Christ? Why or Why Not?



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.

Heavenly Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, according to the riches of your glory, grant us (or _____) to be strengthened with power through your Spirit, so that Christ may dwell in our (his, her) heart(s) through faith—that being rooted and grounded in love, we (he, she) may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that we (he, she) may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Based on Ephesians 3:15-19)

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 peace, sanctify us (or _____) completely. May (his/her) whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Based on 1 Thess 5:23-24)

O God, grant that we (or _____) will continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. (Based on Colossians 4:2)

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)

God our Savior, help us (or _____) to faithfully intercede in prayer with supplication and thanksgiving for all people in positions of power, that we (he, she) may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way, which is pleasing to you. (Based on 1 Timothy 2:1-3)

*"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*