

# Family Group Midweek Lessons

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## The High Priest

*This Family Group Bible-Talk is intended to supplement the October 20th sermon at the MSPCOC. Although having attended or listened to that lesson is helpful, it is not required to take part in the following discussion.*

### Opening Questions:

- *Think about some of the following truths for a moment:*
  - *the average computer game is almost twice as powerful in terms of memory and processing speed as games made in the previous year or two*
  - *A singing birthday card has a chip in it that has more computer power than all of the allied forces combined during WWII*

*The average cell phone has more computer power than NASA had in 1969 when it first sent men to the moon*
  - *A Sony Playstation 2 has more power than the military supercomputers of 1997 which cost millions of dollars*
- *No one would want to trade a modern computer or phone for one of those inferior older machines. We need to simply realize how much better the newer ones are*
- *Why do you think the author of Hebrews is so concerned with demonstrating that Jesus is superior to anything else that we can put first in on our lives?*
- *Why do you think that can be so easy to forget sometimes?*

### Read: Hebrews 7:4-10

### Group Questions:

- *What showed that Melchizedek was greater than Abraham?*
- *The point of the text is that Jesus is indeed our high priest but that he did not come from the priestly line of Levi and Abraham. Rather he was like Melchizedek who was a priest based solely on his relationship with God. Just as Melchizedek was greater than Abraham and worthy of respect, so Jesus is greater than the Levitical priesthood of the Old Testament.*
- *Read Philippians 2:9-11*

- In what ways should it change our perspective to know that everything and everyone will one day bow to Jesus as superior?
- What can happen when we forget that as intimidating as someone else can be, Jesus is still far superior?

**Read: Hebrews 7:11-22**

**Group Questions:**

- No matter how great the Law was it could not bring about perfection or completion. In other words, it could not transform us to be like Jesus
- What are some of the things that people turn to other than Jesus to try to bring about transformation in their life?
- Read Philippians 3:20-21
- What is your reaction to the thought that Jesus has the “power” to “bring everything under his control”?
- How has Jesus transformed your character and nature since becoming a Christian?
- What are you most looking forward to regarding the final transformation that we will undergo when he returns?

**Read: Hebrews 7:26-28**

**Group Questions:**

- This passage cites three reasons that Jesus is superior:
  1. He is sinless (vv. 26-27a)
  2. His sacrifice was offered once and for all (v. 27b)
  3. He is the perfect son of God (v. 28)
- What is the importance of knowing and remembering that Jesus is sinless?
- What is the importance of knowing and remembering that Jesus’ sacrifice was a one-time event?
- What is the importance of knowing and remembering that Jesus is the perfect son of God?
- How does knowing all three of these things help inform how we should think and live each day?

**Final Thought:**

- Who can you share with about Jesus this week that you have not shared with previously?



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