

LifeGroup Shepherd Guide

October 17th 2021– Jesus and Melchizedek

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing and leading your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Pastor Jon talked about how God proves that He wants us to be part of His family. In your own life, with your own family – what are some ways that you show other people that they are part of your family. Whether that is your literal biological family, or people whom you've shown to be part of your family that are not related to you.

Digging In

Read Genesis 14:17-20, Psalm 110:1-7

Question 1: Read Hebrews 7:1-10. Why do you think it's important to see the connection between Jesus and Melchizedek? In what ways or area of your life you can assurance knowing that Jesus is both our King and high priest?

Question 2: Read Hebrews 7:11 What does Jesus' superiority to other priests mean for our salvation? Why are the Levitical priests not as effective as Jesus as our high priest? How does this change the way you look at Jesus?

Question 3: Read Hebrews 7:12,18-19 Why was there a change in the Law needed? What was the point of this? In verse 19, it says that we as Christ followers have a "better hope" now. Why is that true? How do you remind yourself of this?

Question 4: Read Hebrews 7:22-26 Pastor Jon said that Jesus ushers in a New Covenant and that Christ Followers are no longer under the Old Covenant. Why is Jesus described as the "guarantee of a better covenant" (v.22)? Why does Jesus' promise of holding his position as "permanent priesthood" matter? (v.24)

Question 5: Read Hebrews 7:26 How does this verse help you view what Jesus has done on your behalf as a "high priest?" How do these qualities about Jesus encourage you and remind you of what He has done for you?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?