



# The High Priest

December 10 & 11

**Hebrews chapters 4-8** really focus in on Jesus' role as the New and Better High Priest that replaces the priesthood established for Israel. We encourage you to read the entire section and jot down notes and questions to discuss with your group! You can also **search "Bible Project, Jesus the Royal Priest"** for more insight into the depiction of Jesus as the High Priest in the Gospels.

When you hear the word "priest" what comes to mind? If you had to explain to someone what priests are in the Bible what would you say?

List some of the similarities and differences between Jesus' priesthood and the priesthood set up under Moses.

**Hebrews 4:14-16** says Jesus is able to sympathize with us because He became human and was tempted just as we are - yet without sin. When you are tempted and sin, what is your mental picture of how God sees you? If God, the Son, knows what it's like to be tempted, how does knowing this truth impact your view of God?

When you're tempted, what is your strategy for dealing with it? Do you grit your teeth and try to fight it? Do you hide and cover it up and pretend it's not there? What does Hebrews say we should do?

In the section on Melchizedek (**Hebrews 7:1-22**) the author of Hebrews is explaining how Jesus fulfills **Psalm 110:4** and therefore guarantees a better covenant. Based on **verses 11-22** what was wrong with the old Covenant Priesthood that lead God to promise another priest like Melchizedek?

In **Hebrews 7:25** we see that Jesus always intercedes for us! What does that mean?

If Jesus' sacrifice for us is really *once and for all* then that means if you've trusted in Him, **ALL** your sin (past, present, future) has been covered. Does the way you talk about your past reflect the fact that it is all covered by Jesus' blood? Does the way you respond after you've sinned reflect the fact that it's already covered by Jesus' blood?

**Spend time** praising and thanking God for Jesus your High Priest!