

LIFE Group Discussion Questions
Hebrews 4:14-16 – Drawing Near With Confidence
Week Oct. 18-24, 2009

Summary – This is really an application paragraph coming on the heels of the teaching about Jesus being a faithful high priest and Savior from our sins. Remember, these Hebrews were being persecuted and opposed to the point where they were considering giving up on Jesus and going back to the old Jewish ways. The writer encourages them to not give up on their consistent confession of faith in Christ, to know that Jesus sympathizes with their weaknesses and temptations, and that He offers mercy and grace for every situation we encounter.

General questions:

1. What grabbed your attention the most?
2. What was the big idea as you heard it?
3. What questions did it bring to your mind or leave unanswered?

Specifics:

4. What hinders us/keeps us from confessing Christ openly?
5. What do we need to overcome this?
6. How does Jesus role as High priest help us with this weakness?
7. For all – think of a weakness; how does Jesus' sympathy help you with that weakness?
8. What does /confidence boldness in prayer look like for you?
9. What changes in your prayer life does this passage encourage you to make?
10. Discuss your understandings of mercy; then, of grace; how does our understanding of God's "throne of grace" affect our prayer life? Our walk with God? Our witness?

Rabbit trail of the week: Was it possible for Jesus to have failed (and thus sin) while being tempted ? (if answer is yes, does this undercut His deity? If no, does this undercut the reality of His temptations?)