

LIFE Group Discussion Questions
Hebrews 5:1-10 – Drawing Near With Confidence
Week Oct. 25- Nov. 1, 2009

Summary – Our author is now making the case that Jesus is our great High Priest and what that looks like. He is greater than Aaron, greater than any other high priest of Old Testament days. He explains what a faithful high priest does (1-4), then makes the case that Jesus meets and far exceeds those requirements, as God's Son (5) and because he is a priest of the order of Melchizedek (6), (which was eternal), not of Aaron's order (temporary), which he will expand on in Chapter 7.

In terms of applications, we get an example of what good pastoral care looks like, and are encouraged by Christ's suffering and obedience, which accomplish eternal salvation for us. He is worthy of our trust and devotion.

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. Compare (and contrast) the pastors or priests that you grew up with, or have encountered as an adult, with the portrait we see in v. 1-4. Were your priests/pastors anything like this?
5. Evaluate the pastoral care in our church. Strengths, weaknesses, ways to improve it. (Don't forget to share these with our pastors.)
6. We are all priests before God (priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:9). What can each one of us do, to better care for those around us?
7. Who is the person who gives you the best pastoral care and how is that care given?
8. How do you experience Jesus most often:
 - a. As the Good shepherd who loves and cares for you?
 - b. As the great High priest that died for your sins?
 - c. Or, As the Lord to be obeyed?
9. What attribute of Jesus impresses you most in this passage? Why is that?
10. As we pray tonight, in the light of this passage, what can we praise and thank God for ?

Rabbit trail of the week: How much of his (besetting) weaknesses should a pastor share with his flock? Some? All? What's most helpful and/or appropriate?