

SERMON GUIDE



Hebrews 7

Sunday, October 18, 2020

***NOTE:** This guide is primarily written for group contexts (small groups, families). If doing on your own, we would encourage you to use a journal to respond to questions so that you can look back on your growth.*



OPENER

This section is to get your group dialoging about the sermon topic.

(Suggested Time: ~ 5 minutes)

- **Discuss which human character in the Old Testament reminds you the most of Jesus? (Defend your answer!)**



LEARN

This section will help your group respond to the sermon content, as well as take a deeper dive into God's Word to continue to shape what God's Truth has to say about it.

(Suggested Time: ~ 20-25 minutes)

- **What stood out in the sermon? What did you agree/disagree, or have questions about?**
- **Genesis 14, Psalm 110, and Hebrews 7 all have references to Melchizedek. What do those passages teach us about him? How could Melchizedek have no beginning or end (Hebrews 7:3)**

- **Hebrews 7:23-25 teaches Jesus is an eternal priest and gives us eternal salvation. How is that different from and better than the Old Testament covenant?**
 - What hope does the eternity of Jesus give you in the midst of hard times?
- **Pastor Jeff discussed the connection between Melchizedek and Jesus: they are both priest and king. What is important about these roles?**
 - Scholars often add prophet (Jesus is prophet, priest, king). Which one of these three do you relate Jesus to? Do you struggle to see Jesus in any of them?
- **Melchizedek is a type of Jesus (types- symbols that foreshadow something yet to come)**
 - What are some types of Jesus in the Old Testament? (David, Moses, etc.) How do you think they foreshadow Jesus?
 - How do these ‘types’ help you see God’s great big story in Scripture?



PRACTICE

This section gives you and your group an opportunity to “try” what you’re learning in a safe space. This will be a moment to try and put “flesh on” something you’re learning.

(Suggested Time: ~ 10-15 minutes)

- **On a sheet of paper or your phone write down a comparison chart of all the ways Jesus and Melchizedek are similar. After a few minutes, have everyone share and add anything you missed on your own**

(More on the next page)

 **GROW**

This section is about determining personal or communal application points in light of what you've learned and discussed. This is a time to be specific and "measurable" in your application of God's Word so that your community can encourage you and hold you accountable.

(Suggested Time: ~ 10-15 minutes)

- **What is one thing, in light of this week's message and study, that you need to start, stop, or change in your life?**
- **When you sin, is your tendency to run to God or to hide from Him? Why?**
 - Hebrews makes clear Jesus's sacrifice is 'once for all'. Work this week on running to God to receive forgiveness.
- **Do you struggle to read the Old Testament, or to relate it to the New Testament? Why?**
 - Spend time this week reading from the Old Testament

This is your time to share requests, and pray out loud together as a group for each other.

 **PRAY**

(Suggested Time: ~ 10 minutes)

- **Share your prayer requests together and close with prayer as a group.**