

## Growth Group Questions from Sunday, Nov 17 - Hebrews 5:1-10

Remember, if you miss Sunday, the sermon and Growth Group questions are posted soon after, usually by Sunday night.

\*Read Hebrews 5:1-10

- 1) Pastor Tim opened by talking about John 6 and what happened after the feeding of the 20,000 people, Jesus walking on the water, and some difficult teaching by Jesus. Many disciples left Jesus, but Peter said, “**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, [69] and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.**’  
Where are some places and who are some people that we, in our time and place, are tempted to turn to instead of Jesus?
- 2) Why is it important that Jesus was chosen by God to be our High Priest (for help see Hebrews 5:1, 4-6)?
- 3) In Hebrews 5:6 the writer of Hebrews quotes Psalm 110. Take a brief look at Psalm 110. Why is it significant that in a kingly Messianic Psalm, suddenly Psalm 110:4 (which is quoted in Hebrews 5:6) talks about God appointing the Messiah to be a priest? Remember that Jesus applied Psalm 110 to himself.
- 4) Why is it meaningful to us as believers that Jesus experienced weakness and suffering and temptations? How does this make him more of a sympathetic high priest?
- 5) Hebrews 5:8 and 5:9 are difficult verses to understand because we don’t normally think of Jesus “learning obedience” or “being made perfect.” One way of explaining this, that Pastor Tim mentioned in the sermon, is that Jesus didn’t go from sinful to holy, but rather that Jesus entered the world untested by suffering. How is it that through Jesus always obeying, he added to his credentials of being our high priest?
- 6) How does remembering that Jesus sympathizes with us in our weakness make us want to follow Him more (remember, he never excuses sin, but he is there to help us in our temptations)?
- 7) How does the fact that Jesus is sinless (if you have time, see Hebrews 4:15 and 7:26) show that He is better than the other high priests? Remember that Jesus never had to offer a sacrifice for himself.