

JESUS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

BIG IDEA

The forgiveness of Christ our Great High Priest is final.

SUMMARY

How can we hold on to our belief in Christ when persecution and suffering are all around? What kind of sacrifices are really needed for sinful man and a holy God to be reconciled? This week's sermon focused on the big idea that **Jesus Christ is our great High Priest and that his sacrifice for forgiveness was final.**

Jesus is greater than the high priests of the Old Testament. He was like them in many regards (appointed, personal, tempted, sacrificial) but he was greater in many other ways (holiness, sinlessness, and deity). Understanding these truths helps us **hold fast the confession of our faith** and **draw near to the throne of grace.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is your understanding of the Old Testament sacrificial system? Do you think there are ways that it is possible to function in today's world with a resemblance to that sacrificial system of old? If so, how?
2. How would you explain Christ and Christ's work to a person who is trying to understand God?
3. In what ways were you challenged with your view of Jesus this week?
4. Have you ever struggled with feeling forgiven? Have you ever acted as if forgiveness for you sins wasn't final? Where do you need to experience the mercy and grace that was given to you in the death of Christ? How can this group encourage you in your brokenness?
5. Sympathy and Empathy can be very different things. How have you experienced both in your life? - Article on Sympathy & Empathy <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/do-you-feel-my-pain>
6. How would a sympathetic and sinless High Priest change your work week, school week, and personal life this week?