

## HEBREWS CHAPTER 4:14-5:10 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Week of 10/3/21

**Icebreaker:** In your opinion, who's the most powerful or influential person alive today? With this person in mind, answer these two questions:

- (1) What would it take for you to have 24/7 access to this person?
- (2) How well do you think this person could relate to your life and your needs?

Read Hebrews 4:14-5:10 as a group, then select 2-3 questions from below to discuss together.

**1.** What do you think the purpose is of these verses? In other words, for what outcome or response is the author writing?

How does this purpose or outcome relate to our lives today?

- **2.** According to this passage, how was Jesus' ministry like that of a high priest?
- **3.** One of the greatest comforts is when someone knows what it's like to face what we're facing. Verse 15 says that Jesus can "sympathize with our weaknesses" because he "in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin." What comes to mind when you think about this claim?

What relevance does this claim have for our lives today?

**4.** What does it look like for us to confidently "draw near to the throne of grace"?

What kind of things can keep us from confidently drawing near God? What are we missing out on when we fail to do this?

- **5.** With verses 1-10 in mind from chapter 5, why is it important for a priest to be appointed by God? Why, then, does it matter that Jesus was appointed by God?
- **6.** Verse 8 speaks of how Jesus "learned obedience through what he suffered." What does it mean that Jesus "learned obedience"?

**7.** Jesus modeled obedience and is the "source of eternal salvation to all who obey him" (v. 9). How do you think *obedience to God* compares with *faith in God*? Are they at odds or are they somehow related?

What could you all do as a group to encourage each other in obedience this week (think back to Heb. 3:13)?