



HEBREWS CHAPTER 7 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
Week of 10/24/21

Icebreaker: What innovations or inventions can you think of that were such an improvement that it made what preceded it obsolete?

This chapter is difficult but is a key part of the overall argument that Jesus is greater than any other high priest. Read Hebrews 7 as a group, then select 2-3 questions from below to discuss together. For context, this chapter assumes that we're familiar with both Genesis 14 and Psalm 110. It could be helpful to read them, but don't get too bogged down in the details.

1. In verses 1-4, what traits of Melchizedek and his interaction with Abraham make him worthy of the conclusion of verse 4:
2. In verses 5-10, how does the priesthood of Melchizedek compare with the priesthood of "those descendants of Levi"?
3. Verses 11-14 speak of the limitations of the Levitical priesthood first established in Exodus. In what way is Jesus, as "great high priest," distinct or set apart from those priests according to these verses?
4. Verses 15-22 culminate with the summary, "This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant." What reasons do you see in these verses, or in the whole chapter up until this point, of why Jesus fits this role?
5. Verses 23-28 summarize essential characteristics or qualities of Jesus that make him unique from any other priest. What are some of these distinct attributes that you find most significant?
6. Hebrews 4:15-16 emphasized how Jesus is like us—that he's able to relate to our weakness. This chapter, though, places an emphasis on how Jesus is different from us and any other human priest. Why are both the similarity of Jesus to us and his difference from us important for his role as priest?