



3) THE ULTIMATE PRIEST (HEBREWS 5-7)

WARM UP: Jesse mentioned LOST on Sunday. Which do you prefer... sci-fi/mystery/escapism or reality/drama/documentary?

SUMMARY OF HEBREWS 5-7

Israelite Priesthood	Priesthood of the Son
Familiar with weakness	Familiar with weakness
Called by God	Called by God
Offered sacrifices for sins	Offered himself as sacrifice for sin
High priest for life	High priest forever
Enters the inner sanctuary	Enters the inner sanctuary
From the tribe of Levi	From the tribe of Judah
Priest on the basis of ancestry	Priest on the power of indestructible life
Became priest without an oath	Became priest with an oath from God
Preserves the old covenant	Guarantees the new covenant
Priests until death	Permanent priesthood
Intercedes while alive	Saves completely, intercedes forever
	Holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens
Offered sacrifices day after day	Offered sacrifice once for all
Appointed in weakness	Made perfect forever

1) I'm sure we all get the main point here... Jesus is the great high priest who sets aside the Israelite priesthood that came before him. Looking at the details though, do you have any questions about the nature of the priesthood in the Bible (either the Israelite one or Jesus' one)?

2) Do you ever feel like you aren't good enough for God? Do you think that might lead you to act out the "old" priesthood in some ways, e.g. offer "sacrifices" to God, seek out a "priest" to tell you you're okay?

3) Our experience of life is impacted by our own imperfections and our changing perceptions of ourselves. When we're feeling confused or down, how can Jesus' priesthood be "the constant" that we turn to, to find encouragement and peace?

4) Read Hebrews 6:16-20 and finish this sentence: "When all around me is changing I know that this is unchanging..."

PRAY: Pray that we would live in the confidence of our salvation, and to trust in Jesus for all.