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*NOTE: Our lesson questions are based on the NIV 2011 edition. Our preference is your first time through the questions, you answer without consulting commentaries - delight in what the Holy Spirit will reveal to you.*

LESSON 9

 HEBREWS 4:14-5:10

1. What truth, verse or insight from the lesson on **Hebrews 4:12-13** helped you navigate your week and in what way did God’s Word come alive?

2. Before you read **Hebrews 4:14-5:10**, pray that your faith in Jesus would grow as He is revealed as our great high priest. What do you find interesting or meaningful about the portrait of Jesus in these verses and how does this give you confidence as you approach God’s throne of grace?

3. How does the author of **Hebrews** describe Jesus in **Hebrews 4:14**-**15** and what sets Him apart?

4. From **V14** and **16**, since we have such a great high priest, what are we encouraged to do and how does this challenge you?

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5. a) Draft a job description for a high priest based on **Hebrews 5:1-3**.

b) As you look through these verses from the Hebrew Scriptures, what are some of the roles and responsibilities of a high priest:

* + **Leviticus 4:3-4, 20b-21**
	+ **Leviticus 16:1-6, 11-16a, 20-22**
	+ **Leviticus 21:1-13**

6. From **Hebrews 5:4-6**, how did Jesus qualify for the honor of becoming high priest and what is the length of His service? *Note: we will learn more about the order of Melchizedek in Lesson 12*.

7. a) How does **V7** characterize Jesus’ prayers and their effectiveness?*Read* ***Matthew 26:36-39*** *and* ***Luke 22:41-44*** *and add what these passages**tell you**about Jesus’ prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane.*

b) What circumstance has compelled you to offer prayers to God with fervent cries and tears? Do you think you were heard?

8. a) Read **Hebrews 5:7b-10**. How is Jesus’ submission and obedience linked to our eternal salvation?

 b) What additional insight do you gain from the following verses:

* **John 10:17-18:**
* **Galatians 1:4:**
* **Ephesians 5:2, 25**
* **Philippians 2:7-8**

9. CONSIDER JESUS: THE BETTER PRIEST

Jesus is superior to any other high priest, since He is fully human yet without sin and fully God. He took on flesh as our great high priest and submitted to suffering, separation from God and death. He is the once for all sacrifice that atones for sin and gains eternal redemption and reconciliation for all who come to God through Him.

Let us approach Him with confidence in our times of need. Where else have you gone for help and what kind of help did you find there? Use this opportunity for confession and repentance, knowing Jesus is the great high priest you have always needed.

**MEMORY VERSE**

*“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” Hebrews 4:16*

**NAME PRAYER REQUEST**