



Hebrews: The Promise of Jesus - Brian Steenhoek

Icebreaker:

1. In what situation do you often find yourself “walking on eggshells”?
2. How difficult is it for you to speak the truth, even when it may be hurtful or unpopular?

Hebrews 4:14-16 - Jesus the Great High Priest

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. **15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. **16** 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.

Have someone read the above scripture. What initially stands out to you and why?

(Additional scripture from Brian’s teaching: Hebrews 5:1-10 and 2:14-18)

Conversation Guide:

- Who is the ‘greatest’ athlete/basketball player of all time? Why? How is ‘greatness’ determined? What does it mean to be a ‘great’ high priest? (If you want to deep dive on the role of High Priest read Leviticus 16 and Hebrews 5:1-10 and share your thoughts)
- Can you tell of a time you needed someone to be an ‘advocate’ for you? What did it mean to you? What does it mean that Jesus is an available advocate before the Father for you?
- Hebrews 4:15, says we have a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses (see also Hebrew 2:14-18). What ‘weaknesses’ do you experience that you are most thankful that Jesus also can identify with?
- In what ‘times of need’ do we especially feel we need God’s mercy and grace?
- “Drawing near’ is a common theme in Hebrews in contrast to ‘shrinking back’. What does it look like when we ‘draw near’ to God? How about shrinking back? What is easier for you?