

WHY ON EARTH

HEBREWS 4:15-16

To Become Our High Priest

I. Without a high priest, we do not have _____ to a holy God.

WHAT WAS A HIGH PRIEST?

The High Priest represented Israel before God by offering sacrifices prescribed in the Law

Was like his people

Identified with his people

Came from one of the 12 tribes of Israel

Had the same nature, weaknesses and struggles

Was unlike his people

Holy and set apart

Chosen by God

Wholly devoted in service to the Lord

II. Jesus meets all the _____ of a high priest ... and more.

He is like us.

He _____ one of us.

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God ... Hebrews 2:17a

He _____ with us.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses ... Hebrews 4:15a

He was _____ like us.

... but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15b

He is unlike us.

He never _____ to temptation.

... yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15c

He didn't _____ to sacrifice—He was our sacrifice.

... to make propitiation for the sins of the people. Hebrews 2:17b

III. Because of our High Priest we are forgiven, cleansed and given complete access to God.

THEREFORE DRAW NEAR ...

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

Bring your trust to Him.

... Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. Ephesians 3:12

Bring your sins to Him.

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy. Proverbs 28:13

Bring your need to Him.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

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HOME GROUP STUDY

1. On a scale of 1 (extremely far away) to 10 (extremely close), how close do you feel to God these days?

2. A lot of people see God as unapproachable, distant, cold or angry. Do you view God this way? How do you view Jesus? Do you view them the same way? Why or why not?

3. How should observing Jesus inform the way we think about God?

4. In point 3 of his sermon, the pastor talked about the cleansing of the leper. Read Leviticus 8:22-29, then compare it to Leviticus 14:1-32.* How are we like the leper? What does God do for the leper, and how does it reveal who He is?

5. Read Hebrews 4:14-16 and 5:1-10.** Why can we depend on Jesus, not just as our Savior but also as our High Priest? What makes you glad He's like us, yet not like us?

6. See the section *THEREFORE DRAW NEAR* at the bottom of the sermon notes. After hearing the sermon, what do you need to boldly bring to Jesus?

*"When old companions,
old lusts and sins crowd
in upon you, and when
you feel that you are
ready to sink, what can
save you, sinking sinner?
This alone: 'I have a high
priest in heaven, and he
can support in the hour of
affliction.' This alone can
give you peace: 'I have
a high priest in heaven.'
When you are dying,
when friends can do you
no good, when sins rise
up like spectres around
your bed, what can give
you peace? This: 'I have a
high priest in heaven.'"*

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COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

READY TO CONNECT IN 2021? A new year brings all kinds of opportunities to know Jesus, meet more Christ Chapelites and make yourself at home at CCBC. From Connecting Point to Bible studies and home groups, we'd love to tell you more. Text "CCBCConnect" to 94090 to get started.

THIS THURSDAY, DEC. 31 IS THE LAST DAY TO MAKE AN END-OF-YEAR GIFT. This year's end-of-year giving is all about family with projects like providing school lunches, defending our faith with biblical worldview training, and extending our family of faith in Johnson County and the Middle East. If you would like to be part of these special projects, you can make an offering anytime between now and this Thursday, Dec. 31. Go to www.ccbcfamily.org/give2020 to learn more and give.

COUPLES, IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR RE|ENGAGE. Whether you're feeling the strains of 2020, struggling through bigger issues, or just ready to give your marriage some love and care in 2021, re|engage is a way to seriously focus on your relationship. It's an experience that can strengthen and even transform your marriage. Go to www.ccbcfamily.org/reengage to register.

THRIVE IN THE NEW YEAR. If 2020 brought fears, struggles or other issues to the forefront of your life, Thrive may be your next right thing in 2021. It's a discipleship experience that helps you get to the roots of sin and suffering in your life, and embrace the freedom and redemption found only in Jesus. Learn more and apply at www.ccbcfamily.org/thrive.

GUYS, BE A PART OF BAND OF BROTHERS IN JANUARY. Knowing Jesus changes everything. That's why this winter Men's Ministry is continuing its study of Jesus in the Gospel of John. If you're new to Band of Brothers, there are a few options for how to join based on what's most comfortable for you amidst COVID-19. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events to learn about the online and in-person lecture options, as well as how small groups are gathering.

LADIES, PUT YOURSELF IN COMMUNITY AT WOMEN IN THE WORD. Starting on Thursday, Jan. 14 is "Jesus—The Word: A Study of the Gospel of John." With other women in all different seasons of life, you'll spend time really getting to know Jesus through His compassionate conversations, personal prayers, friendships and miraculous work. The study is meeting all online this winter. Learn more and sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/women.

THE YOUNG ADULT RESIDENCY IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2021. Do you know a soon-to-be college grad? Tell them about the Young Adult Residency! It's a 10-month program all about discovering your calling, developing your gifts and deploying for ministry (in a church or any other field of work). Get the details at www.ccbcfamily.org/yar.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text "CCBCFW" to 77977 to get started.

* Read Leviticus 21–22:16 and Numbers 8 for more background on the High Priest.

** Read Genesis 14 for more background on Melchizedek, and Hebrews 7 for more about how he resembles Jesus.