



Group Discussion and Application

- How do you think you would have felt living under the ceremonial laws of the Old Testament?
Had you been reared under the laws of the Levitical priesthood, how do you think you would have felt had you received the letter of Hebrews?
- What are the values and dangers of religious ritual?
- Why is there a tendency and temptation to get caught up in religious ritual instead of the reality of relationship with Christ?
- Suggest some specific ways we can keep our focus on the reality of the person of Christ and relationship with Him rather than religious rituals.
- What priestly functions does Christ perform according to these verses: 2:17; 7:19, 25
- What effect does it have on you personally to know that Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father interceding on your behalf (7:25)?
- In what way is the hope found in Christ a better hope (v.19)?
- What are the practical implications of the permanency of Christ's priesthood?
- What functions did the ceremonial law serve?
- What do the following verses teach us about the ceremonial law?
Do these verses suggest that the ceremonial law was not important?
1 Sam 15:22; Ps. 51:16; Isa 1:11-15; Hosea 6:6; Amos 5:21-24; Micah 6:6-8



Personal Reflection and Response

What will you do this week to keep your focus on the reality of Christ and His priestly work on your behalf?



Family Homework

- Using a Bible dictionary, do a study on "priest/priesthood."
- Select some of the questions above to discuss as a family.



Preeminent Priesthood

Hebrews 7:11-8:6

Four ways the priesthood of Jesus is superior to the Levitical Priesthood:

1 Jesus' priesthood is superior in _____.

2 Jesus' priesthood is superior in _____.

3 Jesus' priesthood is superior in _____.

4 Jesus' priesthood is superior in _____.