



The Mystery of Jesus

Part 2 – Jesus as High Priest

Study Guide

There are so many things we don't understand about God. For example, one of the great mysteries is the Holy of Holies—the place where God dwelled in the Old Testament. Mike talked about that this weekend. Today, Jesus serves as our High Priest and we serve as little priests. He serves us by paving a way back to God so that we can have a relationship with Him, and we serve others by pointing them towards the way to God—Jesus.

“Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession” Hebrews 3:1 (ESV)

1. When you think of the word “priest”, what comes to mind? Do you consider yourself as a priest? Why or why not?
2. **Read Hebrews 8:1-6.** Comparing Jesus to Moses might be hard to understand at first. However, it's important to remember that the writer is speaking to Jews, who came through Moses. How did Moses serve as the Jew's high priest? How is Jesus the greater high priest than Moses and what are some differences?
3. **Read Hebrews 3:1-6.** Jesus serving as our High Priest is a game-changer for all of His followers. He makes it possible for us to enter into God's presence and worship Him with confidence that He sees and hears us. What are some struggles we face towards truly worshipping God? What are some of yours? At times, why do we feel unconfident when we worship or talk to God?
4. **Read 1 Peter 2:4-10.** This weekend, we heard pastor Mike tell us that all Christ-followers are priests. The Bible tells us that we are a royal priesthood. How does that make you feel? Why is it often so hard to feel worthy of that calling? What's our responsibility to being a part of the “spiritual house”, the “royal priesthood”?

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

I Peter 2:9 (ESV)

5. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** Moses imaged Christ. Today, we are called to be like Christ. Being a living sacrifice means we give ourselves to serving others just like Jesus serves us. What are your next steps towards taking your role of priest seriously? What does being a living sacrifice mean to you? Where has God called you to serve?