

SET APART

Group Guide:
Week 4

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four components to a healthy group: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, we will study Hebrews 7:23-28 using inductive Bible study, which has three components: observation, interpretation, and application.

As the leader of your group, feel free to use whatever parts of this guide most help you do this!

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What part of your identity makes you feel special or sets you apart from others?
- Discipleship check-in:
 - Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
 - Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?

INTRODUCTION

As we continue our series Set Apart focusing on Holiness, we are turning to the book of Hebrews this week. We will reflect on the role of priests in mediating the presence of God, and what it means that Jesus is our perfect priest.

OBSERVATION WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?

READ: Hebrews 7:23-28

DISCUSS:

- According to these verses, what role(s) does a priest play?
- What does this passage teach about how Jesus different from former priests?

INTERPRETATION WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN?

DISCUSS:

- Why do you think that it is important that Jesus is different from the former priests in these ways?

- See verse 25. What does it mean that Jesus is “able to save to the uttermost”?
- Read verse 26. Why do you think the author says “it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest”?

APPLICATION *WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?*

DISCUSS:

- Do you think of Jesus as your high priest, who “always lives to make intercession” for you and has the power to “save to the uttermost”? Why or why not?
 - Are there any false priests in your life that you rely on, instead of relying on Jesus?
- Read 1 Peter 2:9. As followers of Jesus, we are also called into a “royal priesthood,” to mediate the presence of God to others and “proclaim the excellencies of him who called [us] out of darkness into his marvelous light.”
 - How do you feel about being called into this priesthood? Be honest!
 - How can you be more intentional about living a priestly life?

PRAYER

Thank God for sending Jesus, a perfect priest who always lives to make intercession for us. Pray that we would recognize our need for Jesus’ priesthood in our lives.