

Small Group Material

Higher, Greater, Holier - Better than the Best Hebrews 7:23-28

Welcome

In what ways have you been 'connecting' this past week.

Word

- What do you think it means to 'connect with God' in theory and practice?

Read Hebrews 7.23-28

- What does this passage teach us the need for a great high priest?
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- In what ways is Jesus a better priest than those under the Jewish system? (v20-28)

- What is the 'good news' of Jesus' priesthood? How does this passage point us to the Gospel?

- **Read Hebrews 4.14-16.** How does Jesus' perfect priesthood affect our day to day life? What impact does this have on our worship, prayer life, self image and relationships?

Worship Listen to this song, 'Holy' by Matt Redman
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQ8MFn4yikA>

Witness

Jesus is the great high priest who prays for us at the Father's right hand. We are part of Christ's 'holy priesthood' (1 Peter 2.5) and we are called to pray. During these ten days between Ascension Day and

Pentecost we are praying, 'Thy Kingdom Come'. We also pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit' as we look forward to celebrating Pentecost.

Has anyone anything to share about 'Thy Kingdom Come'?

You could watch a couple of minutes of Pete Greig being interviewed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. No need to watch it all:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jguu74fnrSs>

Spend some time praying for:

- the Holy Spirit to flood the church and transform society.
- St Mark's, Camberwell in Melbourne who we partnered with in our 24 hours of prayer.
- those 5 people who God has laid on our hearts (in quiet)