

Week 43 – Questions to Consider

Hebrews 7-11

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

What phone app do you use or like the most?

1. Who was Melchizedek? (Genesis 14:18-20, Psalm 110:4, Hebrews 7) Why is Jesus compared to Melchizedek? Do you think Jesus appeared (theophany/Christophany) as Melchizedek to bless Abraham? (see www.gotquestions.org/Melchizedek.html).
 2. What does it mean that Jesus “has become a priest” by “the power of an indestructible life” (Hebrews 7:16)? How is Jesus “a better hope” with “a better covenant” than the law was (Hebrews 7:19, 22; Hebrews 8:6)? Why does it make it so serious to reject Jesus as the ultimate “high priest”?
 3. If you asked the average person how they might get to heaven, what do you think they would say? Do you think many Jews were thinking they could go to Heaven simply by being a good person by keeping the law and making sacrifices? Why then do you think all of this attention is given to Jesus as a priest?
 4. How can you tell that every human already has the law of God in their minds and on their hearts (Hebrews 8:10, Romans 2:14-15)? Why does the law “speak to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped” (Romans 3:19)?
 5. If you are a Christian, how have you experienced Jesus’ new covenant of knowing Him, being His people, and experiencing His mercy (Hebrews 8:10-12)? How does it feel to know that Jesus chooses not to hold your sin against you any longer (“I will remember their sins no more” (Hebrews 8:12)?
 6. What confuses you about all of the Old Testament descriptions of rules for worship and sacrifice (Hebrews 9)? What was the purpose of the various sacrifices? Were they enough (Hebrews 9:9-10)? How is Hebrews showing us that Jesus is far better than any sacrifice (Hebrews 9:11-14)? Why then is it so serious to reject Jesus?
 7. Why does an inheritance only pass on at death? How does this help us to see what Jesus accomplishes in His death to allow us an “eternal inheritance” and “the forgiveness of sins” (Hebrews 9:15-22)?
 8. How does it make you feel to think that “it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgement” (Hebrews 9:27)? Should Christians fear death? Judgment? Why or why not? Why is it a good description of those who are saved to be “eagerly waiting for him” (Hebrews 9:28)? What distracts us from this focus?
- More questions at: www.southfork.church/2022-discussion-questions

Set Free from Fear

Hebrews 13:6 (ESV)

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Hebrews 2:14–15 “Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, [15] and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.”

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4 Unhealthy Ways We Deal with Our Fears

1. **D_____ Them Out** (Coping)
2. **Ignore Them Away** (A_____)
3. _____-**Control** - Human Solutions (Self-Worship)
4. **Demonic-Control** - Man-Made Religious Solutions (I_____)

2 Timothy 1:7 “for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

We Only Find Freedom in Jesus

Galatians 5:1 “For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.”

Remember Jesus’ P_____ with You

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You have been set free for a p_____!

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This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 44: Hebrews 12-13

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
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