

# Sermon Guide

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## *sermon discussion* **questions**

### "Jesus: Our Great High Priest"

- Have you ever met anyone famous? Who was it? What were the circumstances?
- How did you feel before, during, and after that meeting?
- What is one thing that might have made you more confident during that experience?
- How confident are you when you approach the Lord in prayer or in Bible study? When do you feel most confident? Least confident?
- Why would God want us to be confident when we come to Him?
- What was the role of the high priest in the Old Testament?
- In what ways were the high priests insufficient to make atonement between God and His people?
- What is significant about Jesus being the "great high priest" rather than just a "high priest"?
- In what ways is Jesus a better priest than the high priests of the past? How does the fact that Jesus' sacrifice was made once and for all, while the other priests' sacrifices had to be made yearly, make him a better priest?
- What does it mean that Jesus can "sympathize with our weaknesses? Why is this important?
- How would you explain approaching God to a new believer?
- What kinds of things might hold people back from approaching God? How does reflecting on Jesus as our High Priest help us with those issues?
- What happens when we approach God's throne of grace? How does this equip us to serve God?
- Can you remember a time in your life when this was particularly real to you? What were the circumstances?
- What are some ways the way you approach God needs to change in light of his truth?
- How are you going to make sure you keep your eyes on Jesus and his sacrifice as you approach God in confidence? Why is it important that you do so?

## *preschool* **questions**

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- Read: Hebrews 4:14-16
- What does it mean for Jesus to be "greater"?
- Explain: We can trust Jesus who is "greater" than all our sin and who understands us.

## *elementary* **questions**

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- What makes Jesus "great"? (reread verse 15).
- Explain: We can trust Jesus who is "greater" than all our sin and who understands and sympathizes with us.

## *student* **questions**

- Read: Hebrews 4:14-16
- What word is used to describe the kind of high priest Jesus is?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be "greater"? (better)
- What makes Jesus "greater"? (reread verse 15)
- Explain: We can trust Jesus who is "greater" than all our sin and who understands and sympathizes with us.
- What word is used to describe how we are to approach God? (boldness)
- How can we be bold when approaching Jesus?
- How can your faith be bold FOR Jesus knowing he gives us the grace we need?

