



WEEK SEVEN | A BETTER HIGH PRIEST

This whole thing about Melchizedek in Hebrews is intriguing. Think about it. How much do you think the Jews really knew about this guy? Russ has done a great job pointing out that he probably gets the least stage time for someone who is purported to be a major character. The name may be familiar but how does he not get lost in the immense shadows of greats like Moses, Joshua, Abraham, David, etc. And yet, here he is being named second only to Jesus, the greatest of high priests. I only wrote this intro to make you wonder and think. What is God doing, and did we miss something?

Can you think of someone who gets very little recognition or credit but deserves more?

TALK ABOUT IT

Read Hebrews 7:1-3.

What stands out to you about the way Melchizedek is described?

Why do you think the writer of Hebrews chooses Melchizedek instead of Moses, Aaron, or another well-known Old Testament figure to explain Jesus' priesthood?

APPLY IT

Read Hebrews 7:23-28.

According to this passage, what makes Jesus a *better* high priest than those in the Old Testament?

Think of other “priests” we sometimes set up in our lives—things or people we look to for validation, forgiveness, or a sense of being “right with God.” Russ mentioned three:

Religious practices (communion, worship, Sunday school), **religious influencers**, and **cultural self helps** (books podcasts, etc.).

Which of these do you tend to lean on most?

What is the danger of using these as a substitute for a personal relationship with Jesus?

Hebrews says Jesus gives us a “better hope” and “better covenant.”

What does that mean for your everyday life right now?

PRAY ABOUT IT

Make this time an indispensable part of your group. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.