

**Week 1 - Hebrews 4:14-6:12 - Jesus, the Great High Priest**

**Youth Study**

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**Overview**

This passage has two distinct sections. The first section investigates Jesus' offer of salvation through his death as the payment for sin. The second section discusses what should be the attitude of Christians, where we are instructed to become mature in the things of Christ and to grow beyond the elementary teachings about Jesus.

**Opener**

What are some things you can remember about the book of Hebrews when you studied it last year in year 8? Write some of the big ideas down in a list.

**Hebrews 4:14-5:10 - Our Great High Priest and Saviour**

**O.** In the table below write down what we are told about Jesus in comparison with the High Priests of the Temple.

Jesus	The High Priest

**I.** What conclusions can we draw about Jesus' priesthood and the effectiveness of his sacrifices in comparison to that of the temple priests? Why is Jesus' sacrifice more effective than that of the temple priests? 5:8-10

- A.** Which of the following sounds like the better deal for forgiveness of sins and offer of salvation:
- a) Trust in the temple priest who is a weak and sinful man himself but never-the-less hope that: 1) He has offered sufficient sacrifice for his own sin and that 2) He will offer adequate sacrifice for your sins too.
  - b) Trust in Jesus who while he can sympathise with us in our weakness as sinners was perfect in his obedience to God and so is the source of eternal salvation for all who trust in him.

**Hebrews 5:11-6:12**

**O.** What are the two types of people described in 5:12-13?

**I.** From 5:12-6:3 what distinguishes these two types of people? (maybe split into two groups to look at the two types of people)

**A.** Do you have a firm foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death? Are you ready to move onto maturity in Christ? What will this look like for you this year?

**Prayer and Thanksgiving**

Thank God for Jesus that he was the great high priest who brings about salvation for us. Pray that God would help you to grow to maturity in the things of Christ this year.

**[trek] introduction**

[trek] is a daily tour guide to help you journey into the bible. It's aims are to:

- t** - train you to live God's way
- r** - remind you God is the one who saved you, through Jesus
- e** - encourage you to tell others about Jesus
- k** - know the truth so you can't be tricked by lies

[trek] is all about journeying into the bible because it is only in the bible that God speaks to us clearly and completely. When we read the bible, we are hearing what God has to say to us today. That is a seriously special thing! So get into it.

Reflections or questions I have...

**[trek] instructions**

To get the most out of [trek], work out a time each day when you can read the bible using [trek] for 5-10 minutes (by all means read for longer). There are 5 readings. Here's how we suggest you use [trek] each day:

- 1) Ask God to help you understand this part of the bible.
- 2) Read the part of the bible for that day.
- 3) As you think about the passage, answer the questions. (Writing may help)
- 4) Thank God & ask him to help you obey what this passage says.
- 5) Put what you've learnt into practice in your life.

**NOTE:** Much more can be said about each passage... you may use the "reflections or questions I have..." box for further thought.

**Melchizedek???? Hebrews 5-7:28**

**THE BIG PICTURE OF HEBREWS:**

*Who was Hebrews written to???* A bunch of Jews who became Christian  
*What were they warned against???* Going back to the old way of life (Judaism)  
*What were they encouraged to do???* Keep persevering in Jesus  
*Why???* Because Jesus is simply the BEST!!

*THIS WEEK we meet a man named MELCHIZEDEK. Have you heard of him before? Most people probably haven't. Yet, even though he only pops up a few times throughout the whole Bible, he seems to be pretty significant and Jesus is said to be like him. It's worth spending time this week reflecting on who he is so that we can know Jesus better.*

**■ [trek day 1] Make your hope sure [Hebrews 5:1-6:12]**  
*This is the passage that we looked at yesterday in our G-TEAMS.*

**Read Hebrews 5:1-6:12**

- > What did we learn about Jesus?
- > What did we learn about being lazy as a Christian?
- > How can you pray from this passage?

Do it.

**■ [trek day 2] Who the hek is Melchizedek? Hebrews 6:13-7:28]**

**Read Genesis 14:1-20**

*This passage provides the background to Hebrews 7.*  
 > Why does Abraham give Melchizedek a 10<sup>th</sup> of everything?

> Melchizedek is a king and a priest who is greater than Abraham! Why do you think the writer of Hebrews wants to tell us that Jesus is like Melchizedek?

**Thank God** that Jesus is greater than Abraham.

**■ [trek day 3] Who the hek is Melchizedek? [Hebrews 6:13-7:28]**

**Read Hebrews 7:1-28**

- > What is so great about Melchizedek?
- > How is Jesus' Melchizedek style priesthood different and superior to the old type of priesthood?
- > How does this affect us (v24-25)

**Praise God** that our great high priest Jesus can save us completely.

**■ [trek day 4] Who the hek is Melchizedek? [Hebrews 6:13-7:28]**

**Hebrews 7:18-28**

- > Make List what we can now do because of who Jesus is.

**Draw near to God** in confidence, pray to him in confidence, open your life to him knowing that he is able to save you completely!

**■ [trek day 5] Who the hek is Melchizedek? [Hebrews 6:13-7:28]**

**Hebrews 7:24-25**

- > How do these verse tie in with the big picture of the book of Hebrews?

**At the end of the week**

- > Spend time reading over Hebrews 6:13-7:28.
- > Spend time thanking God for all that he has done for us in our Priest Jesus
- > Spend time asking God that you would cling to Jesus knowing that he can completely save you.