

# Jesus the Perfect High Priest

Read and discuss:

- A High Priest is appointed or called on our behalf concerning things with God. So he is our connection to everything that has to do with God. In fact, he is the sole representative that offers up sacrifice to God to wipe away the sins of the people. He even offers up prayer and petition for us.
- The High Priest must be one with men and be able to sympathize with them. So he fully understands our struggles, and is able to help guide us through them.
- The High Priest is called and chosen by God, and God alone.

**Re-read Matthew 5:1-10 as a group.**

1. How do *you* think Jesus being your perfect High Priest affects your daily life?

Being in this imperfect world we will experience hurts and temptation, almost constantly. Read the second bullet point. He wants you to come out on top of all of your struggles.

**Go back to Hebrews 4:14-16 read it as a group.**

2. Did you know Jesus understands literally every hurt and hang-up you can go through? Do you trust your perfect High Priest when times are tough? Or when temptation rears its ugly head?

Jesus our High Priest, also calls us to a higher way of living. He wants us to model our lives after His. So the way we act, the way we go about our daily lives, the way we treat one another all need to resemble Jesus' life.

**Read 2 Timothy 1:9-10 as a group.**

3. Do you think a "Calling" from Jesus extends past those who are in ministry? To you?
4. Do you know enough about Jesus to model your life after His? What can you do to learn more about how he lived His life?
5. How can you keep each other accountable to learning more about Jesus our High Priest and to living like Him?

Whatever ideas you come up with do them this week!