



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 11.17.24
Hebrews 7:1-22 // Dale Piscura

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

CONNECT (10 MIN)

- ① What is one thing that you are thankful for this November, and why?

EXPLORE (30 MIN)

Create Context (5 min): There is no sermon recap video this week!

Study & Discussion (25 min)

Read Hebrews 7:1-22 out loud together as a group.

- ② In the text of Scripture, we encounter Jesus Christ as prophet, priest, and king. Which part of this three-fold identity of Christ stands out to you the most in this season of your life, and why?
- ③ Read Genesis 14:8-24 to get a better understanding of Melchizedek's appearance in the Old Testament. Next, read Psalm 110:4. Finally, turn to Hebrews and read 7:1-10. Melchizedek is a somewhat mysterious figure, but no matter who he really was (whether he was literally Christ or was a "type" of Christ, as Dale mentioned on Sunday), he foreshadows some important things about Jesus, the Messiah. According to these three passages (from Genesis, Psalms, and Hebrews), what things does Melchizedek reveal to us about the person and work of Jesus Christ?
- ④ Read Hebrews 6:19-20 and 1 Peter 2:9-10. In the sermon on Sunday, Dale mentioned that Jesus is our Great High Priest, and because of Jesus we are all now part of a royal priesthood – all Christians have access to God because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.
 - Why is the idea of a royal priesthood of believers in 1 Peter 2:9-10 so significant?
 - How is this new system (with Jesus as the Great High Priest, and all who trust in Him as a priesthood of believers) different than the Old Testament system of priests that we have learned about in our Exodus and Hebrews sermon series this year?



- ⑤ Dale said on Sunday of God, “He has torn the veil, and he beckons me to come. Why? Because He loves me.” God calls us to come, to spend time with Him in prayer, in silence and solitude, and in the reading of Scripture. In this season of your life, what does it look like for you to grow in faithfully responding to this beckoning?
- ⑥ In Genesis 14, Abraham gave Melchizedek 1/10th of what he had. Why is it important for us today to be generous with the material goods with which God has blessed us? Why is generosity an important expression of our Christian faith, and where do you think you have room to grow in your generosity journey?
- ⑦ Dale mentioned both Melchizedek and the Passover Lamb as two Old Testament “types” that point us to Jesus Christ. What other Old Testament examples paint a picture of the coming Messiah? Why is this Old Testament foreshadowing important for Christians today to understand?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Knowing the Bible: Hebrews - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-bible-hebrews/>
- How Much Should Christians Tithes? - <https://www.crossway.org/articles/how-much-should-christians-tithe/>

PRAY AND APPLY

1. Praise For God’s Glory

Let us give thanks and praise to God, acknowledging His glory revealed in all creation. Psalm 104 reminds us of His hand at work in our world, so let’s lift up our hearts in gratitude and praise for His majesty and power.

2. Adoration For Christ’s Glory

Pray that we, as a church family, would grow in our adoration of God's glory, fully revealed through Jesus Christ. Colossians 1:15-20 speaks of Christ as the image of the invisible God, the One through whom all things were created. May our hearts be filled with awe and reverence for Him.

3. Draw Near To God

Ask that we would be faithful in drawing near to God, confidently coming before His throne through the finished work of Jesus. Hebrews 10:19-23 invites us to approach Him with a sincere heart, fully assured of His presence. Let us make this a daily practice, trusting in the access we have been given.

4. Growing In Generosity

Pray that God would increase our generosity as a reflection of His own character. Romans 12:8 and 2 Corinthians 9:1 encourage us to give freely and joyfully. May our generosity be an expression of God’s love, reaching out to those around us in meaningful ways.



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EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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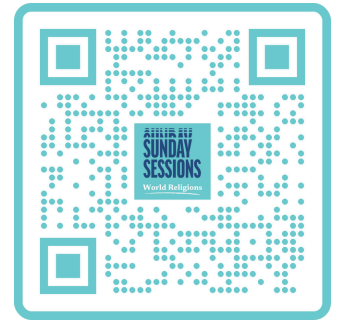
Please take a moment to share these announcements with your group.

More information on each item can be found by scanning the QR codes.

EQUIP

Sunday Sessions Podcast

Sunday Sessions is a weekly theology class offered in the fall and spring. Each week various topics of doctrine and practice are explored from a conservative, evangelical viewpoint. This fall we are studying Church History and Apologetics. Join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in Room 104/106! If you can't make it or miss a week, catch up via our podcast [HERE](#).



CHURCH-WIDE

Christmas Eve Services: December 24th

We'd love to have you join us for one of our four Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24th. Services will be at 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, and 11:00pm. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to as well.



MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 4:16

“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”