



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 11.24.24
Hebrews 7:23-28 // Rick Duncan

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): Click [HERE](#) to watch the sermon recap video

Study & Discussion (25 min)

Read Hebrews 7:23-28 out loud together as a group.

- ② Rick stated in his sermon, “The warnings (in Hebrews) are a means God uses to keep us safe.” Where have you seen this to be true during this sermon series – where has God reminded you of His goodness and His plan during this Hebrews series through the warnings in this book?
- ③ Rick said on Sunday that “priests represent sinful people to a holy God.” In what ways did the Levitical priests represent sinful people to a holy God?
- ④ Jesus is a new and different kind of priest – not a Levitical priest, but a priest in the order of Melchizedek, who changes this sacrificial system forever. Based on Hebrews 7 and the sermon on Sunday:
 - What are some of the ways that Levitical priests differ from Jesus Christ as High Priest?
 - Keeping those differences in mind - how is the High Priesthood of Jesus, with all that it entails, good news for Christians today?



- ⑤ Read Hebrews 7:25.
- We talk a lot about what Jesus has already done and accomplished for us, but it's also important for us to understand what He is currently doing today. What does it mean that Jesus intercedes for us today? How does He do this, and why?
 - How can the truths in verse 25 (that Jesus saves to the uttermost those who draw near to God THROUGH Him, and that He still intercedes for us today) be utilized when we share the gospel with others? To put it another way – how is all of this good news not only for us, but also for the lost with whom we share Christ?
- ⑥ Rick shared the acronym below during his sermon. Every word in this acronym is good news for us today. Which piece of this acronym especially brings you hope today, and why? Where (in what piece of this acronym) do you need the Lord's help to trust Him today?

PRIEST acronym

- P - Proximity
- R - Rest
- I - Intercession
- E - Eternity
- S - Salvation
- T - Transformation

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Knowing the Bible: Hebrews - <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-bible-hebrews/>



PRAY AND APPLY

- Pray that the congregation would experience the nearness of Christ, our Great High Priest, who brings us close to God by His own sacrifice (Hebrews 7:25). Ask the Lord to remove barriers of sin and distraction, so everyone may draw near with confidence.
- Pray that the unsaved in the congregation would be drawn by the Holy Spirit to come near to God through the saving work of Jesus. Pray they would respond to the invitation to be reconciled to God through faith in Christ (Hebrews 7:25).
- Pray that believers would find true rest in Jesus, trusting in His finished work and ceasing from self-effort. Ask God to refresh the weary and burdened as they place their hope in Christ, our eternal Rest (Hebrews 7:27).
- Pray that the pastor and worship leaders would lead the service from a place of rest and dependence on the Holy Spirit, rather than striving in their own strength. Ask God to anoint their words and songs to minister rest to the congregation.
- Pray that the congregation would be encouraged by the truth that Jesus lives to make intercession for them (Hebrews 7:25). Pray they would sense His prayers for them, especially those struggling with doubt, fear, or anxiety.
- Pray that the congregation would lift their eyes to the eternal hope they have in Christ, not getting caught up in temporary troubles but setting their minds on things above where Jesus is seated at the right hand of God (Hebrews 7:26).
- Pray that believers would experience the fullness of their salvation, being reminded that Jesus has saved them to the uttermost (Hebrews 7:25). Pray for joy and gratitude to overflow as they reflect on the greatness of their salvation in Christ.
- Pray that as the people behold Jesus, their Great High Priest, they would be transformed into His likeness, growing in holiness, love, and obedience (2 Corinthians 3:18). Ask God to use the message and worship to renew minds and soften hearts.
- Pray that our people will realize that Jesus PLUS something will never give peace and righteousness. It is only when we surrender all we have and trust fully in Jesus that we have peace and righteousness.
- Pray that people will stay with me in my sermon about an obscure biblical theme.
- Pray that people will understand that Jesus fulfilled and never contradicted God's word.



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EQUIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of 11.24.24

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.”