



Hebrews 7 introduces the second main section of the book. This section extends through Hebrews 10 and focuses on the superior priesthood of Jesus. In this section the author will expand on the following topics: Jesus as the great high priest, understanding Jewish sacrifices, Melchizedek, and temple worship in Jerusalem. This week as we look at Hebrews 7, we learn more about Melchizedek and his role as an eternal priest. The author uses him as an example to discourage the first-century church from returning to Jewish customs instead of following Jesus. This more cerebral chapter in Scripture requires us to think deeply about Scripture and theological topics. Make sure to open your time in prayer before discussing the questions below.

1. In **Genesis 14** we learn that Abraham went into battle to rescue his nephew, Lot, from the kings that captured him. Think about a time when you stepped out of your comfort zone to help someone in trouble. How did it end up?
2. Read **Hebrews 7:1-3**. Melchizedek is called the king of righteousness and peace. We live in a time when many of us need peace in our lives more than ever. Read **Ephesians 2:14** and **Isaiah 9:6**. Where do you need peace in your life?
3. Scholars have written much on the lineage of Melchizedek. Some people think that he is Jesus in the flesh and others disagree. Do you think it's possible for Melchizedek to be Jesus in the flesh? Why or why not? Support with Scripture.
4. Read **Hebrews 7:4**. Abraham saw the greatness of Melchizedek and gave him an offering of ten percent. Giving is a very personal part of our walk with Jesus but also reveals where our heart is. What did this sermon teach you about Biblical giving?
5. In **Hebrews 7:11-21** the author brings up the old covenant and the priesthood. How was the old covenant unable to help us achieve perfection (see **Hebrews 10:1-4**)? What of your old life do you need to leave behind to follow fully after Jesus?
6. Read **Hebrews 7:22-28**. We learn that Jesus is able to intercede for us because He lives forever. Read **Luke 11:9-10**, **John 16:23**, and **Romans 8:34**. What would change in your prayer life if you asked Jesus to intercede for you?
7. In **Hebrews 7:26** we read about the greatness of Jesus. Neal asked us what one of these characteristics we need to work on. Read **1 Peter 1:16**, **Philippians 1:10**, and **2 Timothy 2:22**, and share your answer.
8. Close your time in prayer. Pray for boldness to invite a friend to meet Jesus.