



# PRESENCE - Week 3

## Jesus is GREATER than Melchizedek

### *Hebrews 5:5-6*

## CONNECT

What is one of the worst Christmas Presents you've ever RECEIVED?

(moment of honesty) What is one of the worst Christmas Presents you've ever GIVEN?

## READ TOGETHER

Take some time as a group to read our passage from Sunday:

**Hebrews 5:5-6**      *(if you want the full context, also read Hebrews 7:1-28)*

## DISCUSS TOGETHER

What stuck out to you or what challenged you from this week's message?

Duey talked about how we learn 3 Things about Jesus from Melchizedek

### **JESUS IS A KING AND A PRIEST**

As a KING Jesus has the ULTIMATE RULE & REIGN and speaks TRUTH

- What impact does Jesus as a King have on your life?
- Are there areas of your life where Jesus the King is trying to speak TRUTH?  
Why can it be difficult to hear the truth sometimes?  
Are you resisting that truth?

As a PRIEST Jesus has COMPASSION and MEETS US IN OUR BROKENNESS

- How does the COMPASSION of Jesus affect your life?
- Why does it matter that we have Jesus who ADVOCATES for us?  
(what does that even mean?)

## JESUS CAN SAVE ANYONE, ANYWHERE

There is nobody who is outside of the grace of Jesus or the saving work of Jesus.

- Who was influential in your salvation? (*prayed, invited you, never gave up on you?*)
- Is there someone who you have 'given up on'? You don't think they ever can (or ever will) respond to Jesus. Who is it? Why do you feel that way?
- Take some time NOW and pray for them.

Lift up prayers to Jesus on behalf of those who you want to see **SAVED** and **RESTORED** this Christmas season

## JESUS DESERVES OUR FIRST AND OUR BEST

Because of WHO Jesus is and because of WHAT Jesus has done  
He deserves our FIRST and our BEST in everything

- Do you think that is true? What does that practically look like?

Duey said that it is easy to DECEIVE ourselves into thinking that we are surrendered to Jesus, and yet live closed-handed lives. He said:

*Giving is ACTIVE SURRENDER  
and your ability (or inability) to give  
REFLECTS your HEART*

- What do you think about that statement?
- How do you see that at work in our passage in Hebrews?
- Why can there be such resistance to giving?
- How are YOU doing at this?

As a part of ICC, how did you approach the Christmas Offering this year?

- What did God show you and speak to you **OR**
- Why were you resistant to asking and listening?

## NEXT

Based on what we've looked at this week

- What do you need to do NEXT?
- How can we HELP each other?

## CONNECT

Take some time to CONNECT together and PRAY for one another

- Are there any areas of your life that we can celebrate?
- Are there any areas of your life where we can help?
- Are there any areas of your life that we can be praying about?

## FURTHER READING

*The writer first of all explores the divine appointment of Christ, a characteristic which is in direct line with Aaron's position. It is noticeable that the title Christ is here used rather than Jesus (which is preferred in 4:14). This suggests that the writer is deeply impressed by the thought that the anointed one, the Messiah, in his office did not exalt himself as he might well have done. The New Testament picture of the Messiah, however, is always of one whose mission is to serve, never of one who has snatched at positions of honor. In John 8:54 Jesus maintains that he does not honor himself, but is honored by the Father.*

*Guthrie, D. (1983); Hebrews: An Introduction and Commentary*

*In Israel, the priest had one special function—to offer sacrifice for the sins of the people. Sin disturbs the relationship which should exist between men and women and God and puts up a barrier between them. The sacrifice is meant to restore that relationship and remove that barrier. So, the priest existed to open for sinners the way back to God—as long as they wanted to come back. Priests must be at one with others. They must have gone through the same experiences and must be in full sympathy with others. At this point, the writer to the Hebrews stops to point out—he will later show that this is one of the ways in which Jesus Christ is superior to any earthly priest—that earthly priests are so at one with other people that they have an obligation to offer sacrifice for their own sin before they offer sacrifice for the sins of others. The writer to the Hebrews goes on to show how Jesus Christ fulfils the great conditions of the priesthood.*

*The salvation which Jesus brought is an eternal salvation. It is something which keeps people safe both in the present time and in eternity. With Christ, we are safe forever. There are no circumstances that can snatch us from Christ's hand.*

*(1) He takes the last one first. Jesus did not choose his task; God chose him for it. At his baptism, there came to Jesus the voice which said: 'You are my son; today I have begotten you' (Psalm 2:7).*

*(2) Jesus has gone through the most bitter human experiences and understands what it is to be human with all its strength and weakness. The writer to the Hebrews has four great thoughts about him.*

*Barclay, W. (2002); The Letters to the Hebrews*