

Icebreaker

Who was the most meaningful mentor from your childhood? What type of impact did they have in your life?

1. What have you learned through your personal study this week?
2. A priest was always a man appointed by God and Jesus Christ was no different. Why do you think Christ had to become fully man in order to become a priest?

Christ's humanity allowed Him to sympathize with us in a way He could not as God. Since He experienced first hand in flesh the pain and trouble of the fallen world He can act as our ultimate High Priest or representative. He can say to the Father, "I've been there."

3. What does the idea of being "perfected" in verse 9 mean? Was Jesus lacking something?

Jesus could not be the Perfect High Priest until He lived among sinful man and experience life in this fallen world.

4. How can suffering teach us obedience?

5. The Hebrew audience didn't understand some of the writers claims of Christ because they failed to understand the elementary principles of God. What things in your journey with Christ have become clearer as you have continued to learn Truth?

6. Verse 14 directly states that knowledge is not the key to maturity, but practice is required for one to move to solid food. How do you practice your faith? What are some practical ways you can practice faith?

Reading the Word, prayer and attending church are some of the ways we learn and increase our faith, but not how we practice our faith. Practicing faith will produce fruit. As you discuss this question, make sure the difference between learning about the object of your faith and the practice of your faith is recognized.

Question 3

Christ was and will always be a perfect Man, perfect God and our perfect Sacrifice. But He was not born a High Priest. The Father appointed Him as High Priest. His humanity and sinless life made Him eligible for the position. Verse 9 is never intended to mean that Christ was imperfect, but His humanity completed His purpose.



Response

Many times God will use the trials and sufferings of the world to teach us about obedience. Take some time to share some current trials or sufferings in your life, then pray together as a group. Specifically ask God to reveal the good He will bring on the other side of these potentially negative situations and ask for obedience as you walk through them.



