

Pause Group - Hebrews 7:11-28

Begin your time together by sharing highs and lows from the past week. Pray together with gratitude for the joys of the week in the lives of your group members and the world. Pray for those dealing with struggles. Pray for the world's struggles.

Study Questions: Address the questions your group desires

1. What stood out to you in the readings from the *Hebrews for Everyone* book this week? (pages 73-80)
2. What does the writer point out are the differences between Jesus' priesthood and the priesthood of Levi and his descendant Aaron? (verses 11-19)
3. The word often translated as "perfection" in 7:11 and 19 can also be translated as "completeness." It is when everything has been put into place for the final great purpose to be achieved. What is this great purpose (verses 11-19)?
4. The word Greek word translated as *better* occurs more times in Hebrews than in the rest of the New Testament. The writer is constantly contrasting something good with something better. The writer is not saying that the ancient Israelite system was a bad thing. What the writer is saying is that something new has arrived in and through Jesus which is even better than what went before.
 - What was the purpose of the old religious system?
5. What examples have you seen of God, through the new system in Jesus, bringing this world to completion?
6. In chapters 4 and 5, we see one half of the meaning of Jesus' high priesthood. He is a truly human being, tempted in every respect just as we are. Now, in verses 20-28, we discover the other half of the picture.
 - What does Jesus' superiority to other priests mean for our salvation?
7. Some Christians face the danger of forgetting just how central and vital Jesus himself was and is to every aspect of Christian faith. How do we tend to forget the centrality of Jesus?

Closing prayer