

## God Time – Jesus Our High Priest

Monday: John 17

Tuesday: Hebrews 4:14-16

Wednesday: Hebrews 7:11-28

Thursday: Hebrews 9:11-28

Friday: Hebrews 10:19-25

### Keep It Active

1. Work on memorizing the memory verse for this week.
2. Identify a scripture or 2 to go along with this weeks group time to keep you focused on what God is doing in and through your journey. Pray those scripture daily and listen for His guidance.

### Diving Deeper

Becoming a church of priests.

Hebrews 7

Jesus is our High Priest and when we examine the qualities of what it means to be a High Priest, we can look at Jesus as a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. We can focus on His character, His love, His passion, the life he willingly gave to save the world, His intercessory power, or His willingness to stand as our mediator before God. But to look for that one word that describes Jesus as our High Priest, there is not a better word than the one used by Jesus himself in John 8:12, *“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.”* And he challenges each of us in Matthew 5:16, to *“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.”* Jesus let

His light shine and that is what a High Priest should do is to shine light into the darkness so that others would find their way to God. Jesus was the only true and priestly light of the world, but as He prepared to go and be with His Father, He taught the disciples about the importance of light. In John 12:35-36, Jesus further says, *“A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become children of light.”* He is the true light which pierces the darkness and reveals things as they really are. His light penetrates the spiritual darkness and shows the lost the way to salvation. John spoke of Jesus in John 1:4-5, by saying, *“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men, and the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it.”* God has called us to be the “light of the world” pointing people to Jesus. We are to shine and reflect the holiness of Jesus so that people see our good works and glorify God. We are to be that light that shows mercy to others as we have been shown mercy by God. We are to light the way for others when we share the gospel. As peacemakers we become light as we seek peace in this hostile world. And finally, our light shines when we display joy over our relationship with Christ. So long as there is moral corruption and spiritual darkness in this world, light will be needed. And God has appointed us to be that light, and we are to shine it so that others may see Jesus through us and glorify God. That is what Jesus did as our High Priest, and that is what is expected of us as we daily shine Jesus’s light into this dark world in order that they may see our good deeds and glorify God.

1. If someone asked you what your purpose in life was, what would you tell them?
2. Do you see yourself as a high priest in the order of Jesus?
3. How is light a quality that would relate to a high priest?
4. What do your actions “say” about your purpose?
5. Who or what are you living for? Are you reflecting light so that your good deeds are shown?