

JOURNEY WAYPOINTS

A stop along the journey to study, share, and support one another while we learn the way of Jesus.

This Week's Big Idea

Jesus is greater than our weakness because he fully understands our condition and position.

Scripture & Study

KEY TEXT: Hebrews 5:4-6:12 [Click here to access this week's scriptures](#)

Did you ever have an under-qualified substitute teacher in school? They were there and they followed the lesson plan, but, ultimately, they didn't have the required knowledge to teach algebra 2 or chemistry or gym or lead a choir. You quickly realize how important it is to have a qualified and knowledgeable teacher. The author of Hebrews is revealing the same truth about the difference between the Levitical priests and Jesus, our high priest. The priests in the Old Testament fulfilled the jobs they were given as best they could, but Jesus fulfills them perfectly for all eternity.

But Jesus as the high priest calls us to not be lazy and immature in our faith because he will be faithful to lead us into life in his kingdom (because not only is he high priest, he is also king!). We are called to dive deeply into Scripture and, through the working of Holy Spirit, we will grow up in our faith and find deep hope in Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- Read Deuteronomy 33:10, which gives a simple summary of the roles of a Levitical priest and compare and contrast it to Jesus and his role as a priest.
- How does the author emphasize the importance of spiritual maturity in understanding God's Word?
- What does it mean for Jesus to be empathetic towards human weakness, and how does this affect our approach to Him?
- Why does the author warn against the danger of falling away from faith, and how can we guard against this?
- How does the concept of hope play a central role in the passage, and what significance does it hold for believers today?

Apply It

- Reflect on areas in your life where you may have become spiritually sluggish and commit to seeking deeper understanding through consistent study and prayer. Make a plan for how you are going to do accomplish it that includes other people knowing it and praying for you!
- Ask God to reveal to you someone who may be struggling or in need of encouragement. Ask God for wisdom and courage to share the hope you have in Jesus with them and point them towards the love, grace, and hope they can find in Christ.