

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Hebrews 4:14-5:10
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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. When you think about Jesus, how often do you think about Him as your High Priest? Give a reason for your answer.

I am sure that I do not think about Him with that title as often as I need to; however, I do pray to Jesus knowing that He will do for me what my Great High Priest will do according to the Scriptures. I tend to think more of Jesus as my Lord and Savior, because the Bible as a whole seems to emphasize these roles and especially the saving meaning of Jesus’ sacrificial death on the cross. Because Jesus Christ is my Savior and Lord over all of my life, He relates to me today as my Great High Priest and He prays for me in heaven, especially when I confess my sins to Him and ask His forgiveness.

2. Why is Jesus an understanding high priest who knows our needs?

Because as the Son of God He created us in His image and knows how He made us and all of the capabilities we have as human beings. He also came to earth fully human in human flesh and knows how we are raised from infancy to adulthood. He also was tested and tempted as we are (but He did not sin). He learned obedience through trials and troubles the same as we do.

3. How do these verses encourage us to pray to Jesus?

They encourage us to come to Him with boldness for the purpose of receiving grace and mercy in times of need.

4. How does someone rise to the honorable position of a high priest?

He must (or should be) appointed by God, but some high priests in Jesus' day were political appointments to please the Romans or King Herod. Authentic high priests were appointed by God and sought to do His will in behalf of those God called him to serve.

5. Why do some people remain spiritual babies?

They do not obey the truth of the word of God as they learn it. They prefer to study about God and Jesus and the Bible instead of doing what Jesus said and actually following Him in their daily life as they study. They do not study in order to trust more in God, to obey God, and to bless God and others by the way they live pleasing to God.

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