

Jesus, both King and Priest

Introduction:

Who were your childhood heroes? Why?

Observation:

Read Genesis 14:17-20 and Psalm 110:4 for some background on Melchizedek.

What things prove the greatness of Melchizedek?

What are the contrasting elements of Melchizedek's priesthood with Levi's priesthood?

Could perfection be attained through the Levitical priesthood? Why or why not?

What is the conclusion of vv. 18-19?

What are the characteristics of Jesus' priesthood in v. 26 and following?

Interpretation:

What is the author saying about Abraham's relationship with Melchizedek? Why is this important?

What is the comparison between Jesus' priesthood and the Levitical priesthood? Why is Jesus' priesthood superior?

How does Jesus, as the High Priest, meet our need?

Application:

How is Jesus superior to the "old ways" in your life?

How do you view His once-for-all sacrifice for you? How does that affect how you view your security with God?

How is your experience of Sunday worship, especially the Eucharist, going to be different based on seeing this view of Jesus' priesthood?

Who in your life, friends, family, co-workers, has yet to know Jesus like this?