

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE



Jesus Our King and Priest

Icebreaker: What is your favorite Fall food item?

Read together: Romans 5:12-19(ESV), Luke 24:44

Discuss:

- How did sin enter the world?
- Was sin in the world before Adam broke God's trust?
- Adam's sin caused much havoc for all humankind. How much more will the gift of grace impact humankind through Jesus? Ponder that. What does it mean? (You can look back at verses 15-17 to meditate on it.)

Read together: Psalm 110 (ESV)

Discuss:

- David is writing this Psalm. Whom is he writing about? Who is David's Lord?
- The whole of Christianity is revealed in this Psalm: It is quoted 33 times in the New Testament!! Jesus, our Messiah, is our great King and our high priest. How is that even possible since those were two distinct and different roles in History?
- Who is Jesus?
- What did He come to do?
- In this Psalm, we see Jesus Standing with God against God's creation's enemies.

Read together: Psalm 110:1 (ESV)

- **Discuss:**
- What is the Footstool a symbol of in this verse?

Read together: Matthew 22:41-46

Discuss:

- Jesus refers to Psalm 110 in this passage. Jesus cites this Psalm to prove that the Messiah is more than just a physical descendant of David. The Religious leaders were people just like us, and sometimes they didn't see the whole picture. Jesus is challenging them to begin revealing the truth of why David wrote this Psalm!

- Jesus is telling them that a plan has been in place for a LONG time! The plan that He and God put in place to redeem ALL humankind starts to unfold in these verses. Jesus is telling them that HE is the Messiah! They didn't see it because they were focused on the Physical line of David. They didn't see that Jesus was not only a descendant of David but also GOD!
- In order to save us, God needed to BE one of us. Is your mind blown yet?

Read together: Psalm 110:2 & 3 (ESV)

Discuss:

- Do you see yourself in these verses?

Read together: Psalm 110:4 (ESV)

Discuss:

- Who was Melchizedek?
- What were the Priests before Jesus came?

The King and Priest were always separate roles.

Melchizedek was a priest before being a priest was a thing!

In this verse, God affirms that HIS messiah will be priest and king. Melchizedek did not have a beginning or an end. Neither will Jesus have a beginning or end.

The other priests in Israel were types and shadows. They were not the real thing! Jesus is the real thing!!

- Jesus became the ultimate priest by making a sacrifice of himself. On behalf of ALL people, not just Jews. His act led to the transition from the old to the new covenant.

The altar was the cross.

Forgiveness was through His blood.

This is our King and our priest.

Read together: Psalm 110:5-7 (ESV)

Discuss:

- These verses usher us into the book of Revelation. The work of Jesus is still being done here on Earth. He is still moving on the hearts of people to turn toward Him.
- How do you see Jesus working in the world around you?
- How is Jesus changing people in your circle of friends?

Christianity is not about you becoming a better version of yourself. Being a Christian is about becoming NEW in Christ. He makes you a different Creation. The old is gone; the new is come!

Prayer:

Father, it is hard to wrap our minds fully around what Jesus did on the cross. His establishment of a new covenant is mind-boggling. It is harder still to fully comprehend how you see us in light of Jesus. Please help me to discover more about how you have made me new. Please help me to walk in more of the fullness of life IN you. I want to embrace all that you say I am. Please give me ears to hear and a heart to understand the Priest and King given to me! In the name of Jesus! Amen!