

## HOW JESUS MEETS YOUR DEEPEST NEEDS

*Use the following notes in your Growth Group or for further personal study of today's message. We hope these will enrich and deepen your walk as you study God's Word.*

### **GETTING STARTED:**

1. What was said in the sermon that got your attention, raised a question or had an impact on your life?

### **DIGGING DEEPER: (Hebrews 7)**

2. Describe how Melchizedek compares to Jesus, the great high priest.
3. In what ways is Jesus a better priest than those under the Jewish priesthood system?
4. The author was showing Jesus' superiority over the priests to Jews who were tempted to go back to their old ways. What are some of the "old ways" that tempt you to turn from Jesus and look elsewhere for your needs to be met?

### **APPLICATION:**

5. How can you live differently this week knowing that Jesus' ministry to you is permanent, his prayers are persistent, and his presence is constant?

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The superiority of the priesthood of Jesus Christ is demonstrated in Hebrews Chapter 7. Melchizedek was a great priest but pales in comparison to Jesus. The old priesthood is significant, but it couldn't meet our deepest needs, so God replaced it with a better one. Your deepest needs can only be met through Jesus Christ—from his constant presence to his persistent prayers to his permanent ministry in our lives. The author of Hebrews discusses Melchizedek and the old priesthood for the purpose of directing us to the life-changing hope we find in Jesus.

Who is Melchizedek?

Jesus is greater.

1. **His ministry to me is permanent.** He's not done with you yet. He loves you too much to leave you where you are today!
2. **His prayers for me are persistent.** He intimately intercedes on your behalf. He will not give up on you!
3. **His presence with me is constant.** He will never leave you, especially in the darkest moments life may throw at you.

### **APPLICATION**

Let's seek Jesus to meet our deepest needs and free us to experience life and relationships as He intends.