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Jesus Role as our High Priest

Heb. 4:14-15; 7:23-26

→ ***Salvation is a Journey***

Jesus Leads us into a Relationship with The Father

John 17:1-5; John 14:23

→ ***Salvation is a relationship, not simply a transaction***

Jesus Prays for our Unity and God's Love for Us.

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Digging Deeper into John 17

We know that Jesus sits at the right hand of God as our high priest; so today we will discuss his role as High Priest from the book of Hebrews and from his prayer for us in John 17.

1. Read Hebrews 4:14-15 and 7:23-26.

What are some things that stand out to you from this passage regarding Jesus present role as our high priest at the right hand of God?

- Compare 7:25 in several translations. What does the writer mean by “*save to the utmost*” (compare translations), are we currently not fully saved (think of Tony’s statement that ‘salvation is a journey’)?
- Also, Why does Jesus have to still make intercession for us? (does 1 John 2:1-2 inform this text?) This verse suggest that Jesus prays for us continuously. Why does he do that? How does that make you feel?

2. Read John 17:1-5

Tony stated that *Salvation is a relationship not merely a transaction*. Some people seem content with the transaction of forgiveness now and heaven when they die, but don’t fully understand what it means to have a relationship with God. Discuss your thoughts on the difference. Also, describe your relationship with Jesus on a daily basis.

3. Read John 17:20-26

In verses 22-23 Jesus prays for believers’ unity “*so that the world will know that the Father sent the Son.*” This is a silly question, but how are we doing at unity in Christ’s church? What do we do about it?

- Now, let’s talk about God’s amazing love for us. Jesus says in verse 23 that the Father loves us “just as” He loves His son, Jesus. Do you truly believe this? Why is this difficult to believe? For further study

on God loving us, look up Romans 5:6-10; Ephesians 2:1-5, and Zephaniah 3:17.