THE THRONE OF GRACE

HEBREWS 4:14-16

1	What was the role of the high priest in the Old Testament (Heb. 4:14)?
	In what ways were the high priests insufficient to make atonement between God and His people?
	Look back to (Heb 4:12-13). Why is it necessary that we have a high priest? What connection does the high priest have to the Law of God, God's standards (the 10 Commandments)?
2	What is significant about Jesus being the "great high priest" rather than just a "high priest" (Heb. 4:15-16)?
	Why did Jesus have to be fully human in order to fulfill his role as our "great high priest" (Heb. 2:17)? How does Jesus' humanity enable Him "to sympathize with our weaknesses?"
	Why is it important that we understand that Jesus can sympathize with sinners? How does it equip you in your fight against sin?
3	In what ways is Jesus a better priest than the high priests of the past?
	How does the fact that Jesus' sacrifice was made once and for all, while the other priests' sacrifices had to be made yearly, make Him a better priest?
4	Why are only Christians able to draw near to the throne of grace with confidence?
	What causes you to be apprehensive in approaching the throne? What things in our life prevent you from approaching the Lord with confidence?

5	Acc	ording to (Matt. 4:1-11), how did Jesus respond to each of Satan's temptations?
		How does Jesus' victory over temptation give us hope? See also (Heb. 2:18). Is it hard for you to believe you can overcome temptation?
		"Don't you know that your bodies are a part of Christ's body? Anyone joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him Don't you know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own" (1 Cor. 6:15a, 17, 19). If Christ withstood temptation, what does that mean for you, as believer united with Christ?
6	Loc	oking back at (Heb. 4:14), why do you think believers would need to "hold fast to the confession"?
		With (v. 14-15) in mind, why can we now "approach the throne of grace with boldness" (v. 16)? What does it practically look like to approach God in boldness?
7	Rea	ad (Matt. 27:51). What was the purpose of the curtain in the temple?
		What was the significance of its being miraculously torn at the time of Jesus' death? What does (Matt. 27:51) have to do with (Heb. 4:16)? PRAYER REQUESTS
8	Ho God	w have you let the disappointing actions of others prevent you from being vulnerable before and approaching Him boldly in prayer?
	•	What tends to keep you from trusting in God's love and grace? What will you throw aside to draw near to Him?
	O ₀	Why is boldness before God not irreverent? What are some ways you can approach God boldly this week?