

## Jesus – Prophet, Priest & King

### **SIGHTINGS**

Luke 24:44/ Matthew 5:17/ John 5:39 & 46-47

### **3 GREAT GIFTS**

**PROPHETS:** A prophet speaks for God.

**HIGH PRIESTS:** A high priest provides access to God.

**KINGS:** A king provides protection.

### **3 STRANGE STORIES**

#### **MOSES**

Deuteronomy 18:9-19  
Deuteronomy 34:10-12 & John 6:14/ Matthew 13:54-57/ Hebrews 1:1-3

#### **MELCHIZEDEK**

Genesis 14:17-20  
Psalm 110:1-7 & Hebrews 7:1 – 10:22/ 1 Timothy 2:5-6/ Exodus 19:3-6 & 1 Peter 2:9 & Matthew 27:50-51

#### **UZZIAH**

2 Chronicles 26/ 1 Samuel 8:5-22/ Matthew 27:11/ Genesis 14:18 & Psalm 110:4 & Hebrews 6:20

### **1 INCREDIBLE PRIVILEGE**

#### **Welcome to the Priesthood!**

1 Peter 2:9-12/ Hebrews 4:14-16/ 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Amazing privileges

Huge responsibilities

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 19, 2009

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**QUICK REVIEW** - Looking back over your sermon notes, was there a particular point or passage of Scripture that challenged, confused or caught your attention?

## MY STORY

1. Which of the three roles that Jesus fulfilled do you relate to the most and why?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How would you describe your awareness of the “amazing privilege” and “significant responsibility” that comes with being part of a royal priesthood? Have you seen it change over the years? If so, explain.

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. Hebrews 4:14-16 paints the picture of Jesus as our “High Priest.” As you read this passage, what parts of it ring true and/or are most confusing in regards to your perception of who Jesus is and how He relates to our world?

### Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. [16] Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. [NIV]

Do you typically feel you have full access to God? Why or why not? Can we ever take that access for granted?

Do you ever have a hard time believing that Jesus understands the difficulties you face in life? If so, explain?

2. A typical response to, “*you have the responsibility to...*” is “*Now what do I have to do?*” Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. How does Paul’s description of what “compels” him to take on the responsibility of “being Christ to others” speak to our motivation to do the same?

What other motivations do you find in 1 Corinthians 9:19, 22-26?

### **1 Corinthians 9:19**

Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. [NIV]

### **1 Corinthians 9:22-26**

To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. [23] I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

[24] Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. [25] Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. [26] Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. [NIV]

What, if anything, most motivates you to “be Christ to others”?

3. To find out what it means to represent Christ to others, read through the following verses and jot down what it says or implies about our responsibility to represent Christ well.

### **2 Corinthians 5:16-19**

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. [17] Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! [18] All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: [19] that God was reconciling

the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. [NIV]

### **2 Corinthians 5:20-21**

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. [21] God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. [NIV]

### **Romans 15:7-8**

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. [8] For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs [NIV]

### **Ephesians 4:32**

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. [NIV]

### **Ephesians 5:1-2**

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children [2] and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. [NIV]

As you look back on what you wrote above, can you think of any examples of others being living examples of Jesus to you?

Which of the "being Christ to others" examples above do you most identify with – and why?

## **TAKING IT HOME**

Looking back at this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why?

Take a moment and thank God for who Jesus is and what He has done (and does) for us.