



## **Dig Deeper @Home – “The Ascended One”**

### **Complement to sermon on May 1, 2016 – Our Great Intercessor**

#### **MEMORIZE – Philippians 3: 10-11**

“that I may know [Christ] and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like Him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.”

#### **READ Hebrews 7:22-28**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. **Read Hebrews 5:1-10 & Hebrews 7:1-10.** From these verses, what do we know about Melchizedek (see also Genesis 14:17-20)? How did Abraham regard him? What is the main point in the comparison between Melchizedek and Abraham?
4. **Read Hebrews 7:11-19** How is Melchizedek’s priesthood superior to that of Levi and Aaron (v. 11)? Why is another type of priesthood needed?

In what ways is Jesus like the Melchizedek portrayed here (vv.12-17)?

5. The writer of Hebrews 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? How is Jesus superior to those old ways in your life?

**Bottom Line (give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):**

## Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below is one suggestion for how to experience the truths of Hebrews 7:22-28. Feel free to use this one or any you might come up with.

Share in your group about your favorite super-hero. (If you are at home – invite the children to go and get the character or find a picture of that super hero) Take turns telling the group what that super hero can do that you wish you could do? Fly? Display super-strength? Always win? Talk their way out of anything? Now read Hebrews 7:22-28 and talk about the ways these verses describe Jesus our great Savior and Lord.

## Responding with Worship

**SING** (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

**Lord I lift your name on high** - YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6l6orjM3NI>  
A classic praise song that speaks to the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.

**Crown Him with Many Crowns** – YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8ti2-eoviU>

Hymn 191 in the Mennonite Hymnal. This is a great hymn that speaks of the ascension of Jesus Christ and reminds us of the work Christ is doing now at the right hand of the Father.

## PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

### **Sending prayer based on the lesson:**

Gracious God, in the person of the priest Melchizedek we see Jesus who is our Lord and Savior, our King of Righteousness. Thank you, Jesus for being the one who always lives to intercede for us before the Father. We ask for your Holy Spirit to help us to love and serve others as you have shown us love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.