

Dig Deeper @Home – “Jesus is...”

Complement to sermon on January 29, 2017 – “The Hope of God”

MEMORIZE – Hebrews 7: 24-25

But Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them

READ Hebrews 8

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. What is the importance of Jesus being a priest in heaven?

4. Verses 7-13 contrast the old and new covenants.
 - a. Why was the new covenant necessary? What was wrong with the old covenant?

 - b. Take time and list differences that the author lists between the two covenants

 - c. Who is doing the action for this new covenant?

 - d. What is our (humanity's) role in the new covenant?

Bottom Line - Give a one or two sentence summary of Hebrews 8:

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The ones below are suggestions for how to experience the truths of Hebrews 2. Feel free to use one of these or any you might come up with.

Shadow puppets

Set up an area on a wall where you can play shadow puppets. Take turns using your shadows to make shapes, pictures and animals and the others can try to guess what you are making. Afterwards, talk about the experience and compare it to Hebrews 8:5 which refers to copies and shadows. How does playing this game increase your understanding of this verse? Think of other "shadows" that are part of life that are ultimately fulfilled in Christ alone. List as many as you can and be ready to share these with others as you go this week.

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

How Firm a Foundation – Mennonite Hymnal #260

A great hymn declaring how Jesus strengthens us, ministers to us and watches over us

Beautiful Offering - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbyYY6EfnvQ>

A worship song declaring what happens when we give ourselves to our great high priest.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen