



Discussion Questions
Sermon title: "Jesus is my High Priest"
Scripture: Hebrews 9:11-28
Date: August 8 & 9, 2015

Don't feel pressured to cover every single question. Feel free to disagree with and discuss any statement on the "Let's Review" Section.

Let's Talk

- How did it go praying in a new way this past week?
- Have you ever had a conversation with a non-believer about belief? What was that like?

Let's Review

- We have a tendency to measure God's acceptance by our circumstances and behavior.
- The Phantom Self: An image in our mind of whom and what we should be like if God is ever going to love and accept us.
- The Phantom Image of God: A version of God based on our own experiences and knowledge.
- Christ's death and High Priesthood gives us the benefit of a clean conscience!

Let's Dig

- Do you wrestle with feeling guilty about past or recent mistakes?
 - a. How do we experience a shameless, guiltless, and un-condemned life?
- What imagery comes to mind when you think of God? Have everyone share. Encourage members by reminding them they don't have to give a "Sunday school" answer.
 - a. Where in your life do you draw your imagery of God from?
 - b. Why does the source of our imagery matter?
- Read Romans 5:1-11. Focus particularly on verses 3, 4 and 10 and talk about what it means to be "saved."
 - a. Why does strong character (or integrity), which is derived from faithful perseverance, give us hope of salvation?
 - b. What significance does Christ's *life* have on our salvation?
- Read John 14:1-7 and talk about the way of Jesus
 - a. Observe how many times the word "way" appears in this short passage. What is the significance of the word "way?" Why does Jesus use that word?
 - b. What is a "way of life?"
 - c. Take some time to list different "ways of life." How does Jesus' "way" compare to other "ways?"

Let's Act

- This week, practice telling yourself "I will stop measuring God acceptance of me based on my performance." And, "In Christ I am guiltless, shameless and without condemnation."

