



# LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Encounter*

Scripture: *Various Passages*

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Message: *Ministering to God*

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—[ LET'S START ]—

This week, almost 5000 people experienced The Tabernacle at Wooddale Church. Did you have a chance to attend? What was your experience like? What stuck with you the most?

—[ LET'S TALK ]—

1. **GRATITUDE AND PRAYER:** What happened last week for which you are thankful? What challenges do you see in your life? Your family? The World? As a group, take some time to pray. Thank God for the beautiful ways that He has been at work, and pray about the challenges that those in your group are currently facing.
2. Read Exodus 28. It's an entire chapter devoted to what the priests were to wear. It may seem a little odd to read an entire chapter about priestly clothing, but God felt that it was important enough to include this entire chapter in the book of Exodus? What does this chapter teach you about God?
3. In his sermon, Pastor Dale mentioned a video that describes each piece of the High Priest's garments. If you can do so as a group watch: <https://youtu.be/mznSvWsv0Xc>.

Which piece of the high priest's clothing is most meaningful to you? Why?

4. Pastor Dale spent the majority of his time talking about the turban that was worn by the High Priest. Do you remember what was significant about the turban?
5. Read Genesis 14:17-20. Who was Melchizedek?
6. Read Matthew 3:13-17 and Hebrews 7:12-28. How is Jesus both our High Priest and our King? What significance does this have in our lives?
7. What is one way that you have experienced Christ's work on your behalf as a High Priest and one way that you have experienced His work on your behalf as a King?

—[ LET'S ACT ]—

Jesus is our High Priest and King. End your time in prayer, thanking God for His role as High Priest and King in your life.

—[ SERMON REVIEW ]—

- God commanded Moses to make two kinds of garments for Aaron – a beautiful robe that he wore on every day but the Day of Atonement, and a white linen garment that he wore on the Day of Atonement that matched the outfits that all other priests wore in their everyday service to God.
- Aaron's everyday garment consisted of the following:
  - Underneath you have an undergarment from the waist to the knees. Ex. 28:42-43
  - A white linen tunic. Exodus 28:4
  - A blue seamless robe. Exodus 28:31-35
  - An Ephod with two onyx stones inscribed with the birth order of Jacobs sons Exodus 28:5-7
  - A breast piece with precious gems and the 12 tribes inscribed on them. Ex. 28:15-29
  - A decorative sash. Exodus 28:8
- The High Priests Turban was a type of crown that signified his ministry towards God. On the golden plate it says Holiness to The Lord!
- There was another type of crown in Israel too. The crown the king wore! In Psalm 21 David talked about the gold crown that God had place upon his head.
  - Two crowns that represented two offices, King and Priest!
  - No human being could wear them both.
- The true king of Israel was not a human being, the true King was God! But the people insisted on a human king so God gave them what they wanted and it didn't work out so well for them.
- The High Priest was like a defense attorney who stood before the King and Judge pleading his and our case for mercy and forgiveness. So you could not have the same person playing both roles.
- Once upon a time before Moses or the Law or even the existence of the children of Israel, there was a Kingly Priest. We know very little about this mysterious man except what we find in Genesis 14.
  - Who is Melchizedek? For one thing he was a real person who lived at the time of Abraham and had a very unique relationship with God. His name is very interesting. If you break it up, you have:
    - Melchi, which comes from the word Melekh which means, To Reign.
    - Zedek, which comes from Zadak which means, Righteous or to Make Right, Justify.
- In Jesus the Melchi (Kingly reign) and the Zedek (justifier) come together.