

II. The SIGNIFICANCE of Melchizedek

1. The first Melchizedek is a _____, foreshadowing and pointing us to the “true and better Melchizedek”, _____.

2. The first Melchizedek becomes a _____ and _____ of understanding the person and work of the “true and better Melchizedek”, _____.

Jesus has a timeless, eternal genealogy
Jesus fulfills the titles (king of righteousness and peace)
Jesus fulfills the offices (king, priest, prophet, judge)
Jesus' priestly work is great (once and for all time and peoples)

III. What do we do with Our Melchizedek?

_____ our need for Melchizedek.
_____ to God through Melchizedek.
_____ our _____ in the hope of Melchizedek.

I. The STRANGENESS of Melchizedek

1. Strange in His _____
 - a.
 - b.

2. Strange in His _____
 - a.
 - b.

3. Strange in His _____
 - a.
 - b.

4. Strange in His _____
 - a.
 - b.

Text Questions for Growth Groups

Our Melchizedek

The Life of Abraham

Genesis 14:18-20, Hebrews 7

Sunday, November 8, 2009

1. Read Genesis 14:18-20 and Hebrews 6:19-7:4, 7:23-28 again. Any initial impressions or reactions to these mysterious and odd texts?
2. According to Hebrews 7:3, what is strange about the genealogy of Melchizedek? Why is this strange?
3. According to Hebrews 7:2, what are the two “titles” of Melchizedek? Why are they strange?
4. According to Hebrews 7:1, what are the two offices of Melchizedek? Why is this strange?
5. In Genesis 14, how is the greatness of Melchizedek demonstrated in two actions? Why is this strange?
6. What point is the author of Hebrews making in bringing up Melchizedek? In what ways is Jesus like and even better than Melchizedek?

Life Questions for Growth Groups

Our Melchizedek

The Life of Abraham

Genesis 14:18-20, Hebrews 7

Sunday, November 8, 2009

1. What was interesting and challenging about this week’s text/message? What did you think or feel as you grappled with the text/message?
2. If the role of prophet is to “bring God to the people” what is the role of a priest? What does the need for a priest imply?
3. Ancient religion seemed to be all about priests and sacrifices, but this doesn’t seem to be true of contemporary religion. Why not?
4. According to the message, what does it mean to “own” your need for Melchizedek? How is “owning” different than mere “knowing”?
5. Hebrews 7:25 speaks of “drawing near to God through Jesus.” What does that mean? How do we do it?
6. Hebrews 6:19 speaks of “anchoring our souls” to the sure steadfast hope of Jesus? What does the mean? How do we do it?