

Date: October 4, 2020

Scripture: Hebrews 4:14-16

Title: The Perfect Advocate

Hebrews 4:14-16 – *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

Why Jesus is the Perfect Advocate for you:

- He knows _____ (v. 14)
- He knows _____ (v. 15)
- He knows _____ (v. 16)

Since Jesus is the Perfect Advocate, how would God want you to respond?

- _____ (v. 14)
- _____ (v. 16)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

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1. What specific characteristics does v. 14 ascribe to Jesus? How do these attributes and identifications help “hold firmly to the faith we profess”?
2. What specific thoughts or images come to mind when you think about Jesus as a “great high priest”? Why does Jesus’ role as our great high priest make him the ideal Advocate for us?
3. How does holding firmly to the faith we profess in times of trial and temptation work to reveal the genuineness of one’s faith commitment?
4. Why does it matter that Jesus is able to empathize with our weaknesses?
5. Does Jesus’ empathy with our weaknesses mean that he tolerates our sins? Why or why not?
6. Are only Christ-followers able to “approach God’s throne with confidence”? Why or why not?
7. Have you ever lacked confidence in being able to approach God’s throne? What things in your life might prevent you from approaching the Lord in confidence?
8. Are receiving mercy and finding grace synonymous terms, or do they convey two different realities?