

MAIN POINT

No matter what life brings, we can live in a state of confidence because Jesus secured our salvation and acceptance before God.

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever met anyone famous? Who was it? What were the circumstances?

How did you feel before, during, and after that meeting?

Some people equate approaching God with meeting an earthly VIP (very important person). As a result, they feel intimidated or hesitant to approach God. But God wants us to know that we can approach Him confidently and boldly, not because of what we have done but because of what Jesus has done. No matter what life brings, we can live in a state of confidence because Jesus secured our salvation and acceptance before God.

DISCUSSION

> READ HEBREWS 4:14-16 AND 5:1-6.

What does it mean that Jesus can “sympathize” with our weaknesses? Why is this important?

What was the job of a priest in the Bible? How does Jesus compare to human priests? What do we learn about Jesus from this comparison?

What kinds of things might hold people back from approaching God? How does reflecting on Jesus as our High Priest help us with those issues?

What happens when we approach God’s throne of grace through Jesus? How does this equip us to serve God?

Can you remember a time in your life when this was particularly real to you? What were the circumstances?

In today’s world, how do people attempt to connect with God in ways other than Jesus?

How does viewing Jesus as the perfect priest change your view of His sacrifice?

How confident are you when you approach the Lord in prayer or in Bible study? When do you feel most confident? Least confident?

Why does God want us to be confident when we come to Him?

APPLICATION

What are some ways the way you approach God needs to change in light of today’s study? How will you respond?