

Better (Hebrews)

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Opener

Tells us about a time when you were a child and you tried to get by with doing something you hoped would go unnoticed. Who did you most fear finding out?

I have a song stuck in my head; has this happened to you? The melody provides a soundtrack for my every activity: driving, cleaning, reading, walking. If this phenomenon of having a song lodged in the brain ever happened to Jesus (the Bible is silent on this matter), I bet it would have been Psalm 110.

Imagine Jesus, humble carpenter and dusty rabbi, living his everyday life with the lyrics of Psalm 110 playing over and over in his mind and heart. It promised him resurrection, ascension, and exaltation with the Father; that he would someday subdue his enemies and establish God's reign upon the earth. This song also gave Jesus proof for those who would challenge his identity and his message.

Read

Psalm 110
Matthew 22:41-46

Engaging with God in a Group

Ask someone in your group to read Psalm 110 out loud for everyone.

Jesus made a case in Matthew 22 for the second "Lord" found in verse 1 of Psalm 110 not being David the king. What was the point Jesus was trying to make here?

Jesus is the King and Priest described in Psalm 110 and synonyms for King and Priest would be leader and servant. What are some ways you have found Jesus to be a leader or servant in your life? What are some ways you need him to be right now?

Christ is pictured as the seated, victorious king. What implications might we draw from the fact that during this time Christ is seated as a victor at his throne?

If Christ is a King and Priest (leader and servant), seated, victorious and forever what might we be able to expect from him during times when we “mess up” as Christians?

After Adam and Eve sinned in the garden the Bible says they hid themselves from God for the first time. How have you ever felt like hiding from God in the past?

Share with us a time when you could really relate to the following quote, “What we need when we mess up is someone to lead us and love us.”

Engaging with God Alone

What do you think Jesus would say if you were to ask him, “How do You want to lead/love differently through me?”

Closing thoughts and prayer

Break into smaller groups of 2-3 people each and center your prayer time on things that were discussed from these sermon questions.