

Dig Deeper @Home – “Under a New Covenant”

Complement to sermon on 10-12-2025 – “Jesus is Greater”

ICE BREAKER – Questions to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. Who is the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time)?
⚽ Jordan or James? 🏈 Brady or Montana? 🏒 Gretzky or Ovechkin? 🏏 Ruth or Mays?
2. Who is the most discerning person you know? What made you choose them?

MEMORIZE – Hebrews 7: 22, 24-25

“This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant...He holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

READ – Hebrews 3-5

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. Re-scan the text and consider...
 - a. What did the Holy Spirit cause to “jump off the page” as you read?
 - b. What questions do you have from these verses? Where can you find the answers?
 - c. What are the verses revealing about God?
 - d. What are the verses saying about people?
2. What is the significance of Jesus being called a high priest “after the order of Melchizedek?” (5:6,10) Who is this Melchizedek guy, anyway? (Hints: Genesis 14:17-24, Psalm 110, Hebrews 7:1-3,15-19) Need more help? Check out <https://www.gotquestions.org/Melchizedek.html>
3. Reread Hebrews 5:11-14.
 - a. How do they make you feel? (Encouraged? Convicted? Condemned? Inspired?)
 - b. In what ways might you have grown “dull of hearing?”
 - c. What steps are you taking to move from “milk to meat?”
 - d. Do you train your powers of discernment by constant practice?
 - e. How is the Holy Spirit calling you to respond to these words?

EXPERIENTIAL ACTIVITY – This or That: Greater Edition

“This or That” is a simple game where you pick between two things. In the spirit of our lesson from Hebrews, each question should ask which thing is greater. For example: “Which is greater - ice cream or cookies?” After each question, take a moment to talk about why you chose your answer.

Here are a few examples to get you started:

- Which is greater: summer or winter?
- Which is greater: cats or dogs?
- Which is greater: playing inside or outside?
- Which is greater: pizza or hoagies?
- Which is greater: reading or watching a movie?

When you’re done, remind everyone that no matter what we choose in the game, Jesus is greater than anything and everything this world can offer!

SING

Spend time worshipping together. Sing your own songs. Look songs up on YouTube for others to be able to sing along. Share a song that has been meaningful to you recently and talk about why. Make this time your own.

Boldly I Approach - <https://youtu.be/Xx94Fg4qZr8?si=UUQMW3hp04AAMrwg>

Our God – https://youtu.be/wkeOPFoB6TA?si=ht_qWFEfsrLD165n

Arise, My Soul, Arise – Mennonite Hymnal #244

Listen: **Greater** – Honor & Glory - <https://youtu.be/1ZFZ6aZH7pw?si=LTnb2QpNSiycg6iq>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer:

May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us all that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.