

These questions are for the August 9, 2026, message, "Let us Draw Near." Please read the sermon passage (Hebrews 4:14-16) out loud.

Passage Outline

1. Our confession regarding Jesus Christ (14).
 - a) Jesus is the great High Priest (14)
 - b) Jesus is the Son of God (14, see Heb 1:1-4).
 - c) Jesus is the King of kings (16, seated on "the throne of grace").
 - d) Therefore, "Let us hold fast our confession" of Him.
2. Our confidence in Jesus Christ (15-16).
 - a) For all others, His is a throne of judgment.
 - b) Jesus has sympathy for His own children.
 - c) For those in Christ, His is a throne of grace.
 - i. Here, we receive mercy.
 - ii. Here, we find grace.
 - d) Therefore, "Let us draw near" to His throne "with confidence."

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Jesus is the "great High Priest." The Old Testament priests sacrificed constantly, by faith, in the tabernacle (later, temple) and their sacrifices "covered" the peoples' sins until Jesus Christ arrived. Jesus sacrificed Himself, once, in heaven, and His sacrifice forgives sin forever. Talk about the greatness of our "mega" High Priest.
2. Based on #1, above: Our confession ('same word') is that Jesus is Priest, Son of God and King of kings. We are tempted to "let go" of our confession because of external pressure and an internal desire to "go back to Egypt." Most of us would not "betray our confession," but what are some things that cause you to loosen your grip?
3. Based on #1, above: The application is that "we hold fast." Talk about the "we." How are you encouraged, exhorted and more confident because of the strong and growing faith of brothers and sisters in the church family? Who has encouraged you?
4. Based on #2, above: When we "draw near" by faith, we have "entered His rest" (see 4:11-13, or 4:1-13). In what way is rest present and increasing because of your confident confession that Jesus is "Priest, Son and King"?
5. Based on #2, above: The goal of this passage is that "we run to Christ sooner" (we do not fear judgment); "we love Christ more" (He is the only one who can forgive) and that we "live for Christ more fully" (we desire Christ and walk in His ways). How are you doing with these things? Where can you grow?