



Hebrews 7:1-28 : *Mel-who?*

1. How do you feel when you come across “chewy” bits of scripture like this? What helps you engage with it instead of skipping past?
2. Look back at Genesis 14, in what ways does Melchizedek resemble Jesus?
3. Read Psalm 110, how does this Psalm look Christ-like? (you could also have a look at how Jesus quotes it in Matthew 22:41-46)
4. Read over Hebrews 7:1-10, how would you summarise the point it’s making?
5. Hebrews 7:11-28 shows how Jesus fits the role of a priest in the order of Melchizedek, read over it- what strikes you particularly from this section?
6. Remembering the context of the letter to the Hebrews, why is this message particularly important for them to hear and understand?
7. We have different issues to the original audience! Thinking about your day to day life and challenges, how do verses 22-28 encourage or challenge you?

Thoughts for junior church

This is a difficult passage! You may want to just take one or two ideas from it to emphasise with your groups... some thoughts:

- Could try a game along the lines of “good” vs “best”
 - What would make a **good** dog / car / pudding / teacher/ acrobat
 - What would make the **best**...
 - The Hebrews had priests, who were trying to do a **good** job... but Jesus is the **best** priest.
- What is the job of a priest? To teach the people and to make sacrifices to help them say sorry to God.
- Right back at the beginning of the bible God showed us what kind of priest we would need: look at the story of Melchizedek in Genesis 14
- What makes Jesus the best priest? Heb 7:17-28... you might just want to focus on the quote from Psalm 110 in verse 21.