



# CULTIVATING GLORY THROUGH HOLINESS

## Hebrews 5:1-5

### SUMMARY

As the great high priest, Jesus came to offer sacrifices for all of us, so that through his death and resurrection, we would enter into his glory and become like him as a priest. Through his Spirit, we offer the same gift to everyone else by proclaiming the gospel and showing lives of mercy. We enter this glory by experiencing God, practicing righteousness, and extending forgiveness. But the most glorious thing you can do is lay your life down for another. This is the highest purpose of your life: to live as coheirs with Christ, kings and queens of the world sent into the world to bring people into the shalom of God.

### KEY POINTS

- As the great high priest, Jesus fulfills the mandate given to Adam and Eve by helping people turn back to God.
- Grace is divine empowerment to fulfill our divine purpose. Through grace, we walk in holiness, love, and power.
- Animal sacrifice was meant to show that sin is costly and leads to the pouring out of life.
- In the Scriptures, glory refers to a heaviness. It means a reputation or an honor that is weighty.

### KEY VERSES

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

HEBREWS 4:14-15

“For every priest chosen among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ... And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.”

HEBREWS 5:1, 4

## **GROUP DISCUSSION**

Start by catching up with one another. Then, discuss the message and the Scripture. Finally, seek the Spirit to start moving truth into your life.

## **CONNECT**

1. What has God been teaching you this week?
2. What can we celebrate and help carry from this past week? Where did you see victory? What burdens are you bringing in?

## **DISCUSS**

1. Grace is divine empowerment to fulfill our divine purpose.
  - Where do you feel graciously empowered in your life?
  - Where do you feel like you lack grace?
2. At the end of the service, we asked Jesus: "Is there one action to positively add to our life that would bring about a greater level of holiness and glory?"
  - What would you say to that question? Did Jesus give any discernment? What would it look like for you to take that action step by faith this week?

## **SEEK**

- One of the ways we enter into God's glory is by experiencing his presence. Spend time together in prayer, asking God to fill you afresh with an experience of grace through his Spirit.

## **APPLY**

Continue to ask Jesus the two questions that we asked at the end of the service: (1) is there any sin my life I'm not aware of? (2) is there one action to add to my life that would bring a greater level of holiness and glory?