



# WALKING WITH GOD AND MELCHIZEDEK

## Hebrews 5:1-10

### SUMMARY

From the beginning, God called us to serve as priests, to spread the beauty and delight of the Father and his garden to all of creation. But our priesthood doesn't fall under the Levitical system of the old covenant, which was tied to the Law. Hebrews 5 shows us that God had established another priesthood through Melchizedek, the king of peace, who freely blessed Abraham with bread and wine. It is in this priesthood that Jesus came, welcoming us into the new covenant with an extravagant feast. Though we drift from the pure call on our life like Abraham, God blesses us still with the broken body and poured out blood of Christ. Through this blessing, we ourselves becomes priests that spread life to the world. By embracing our priestly call in Christ, we bring blessing and peace to the world, just as Melchizedek blessed Abraham with bread and wine.

### KEY POINTS

- Abraham's life shows that though disobedience always brings problems, the Lord still works to restore and fulfill his purposes through you.
- The kingdom of God comes primarily with a feast and blessing. While the kings of the world try to take what is ours, our King comes to give us everything.
- When you meet difficulties in life, your call is to look for a blessing and give blessing.

### KEY VERSES

"... [Jesus] became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be a high priest in the order of Melchizedek."

HEBREWS 5:9

"The LORD says to my lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet ... The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.'"

PSALM 110:1, 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. In what ways are you tempted to view Jesus more as a Law-enforcing Levitical priest instead of a Melchizedek-like priest who comes to bless you and feast with you?
2. Abraham's life shows that disobedience comes with a cost—and yet God still fulfills his purpose for us.
  - Where in your life have you experienced problems or difficulties come through disobedience or half-hearted obedience?
  - How did God still work through those difficulties to carry out his good purpose in your life?
3. Through the body and blood of our high priest, we receive “full assurance of faith” (Hebrews 10:22). What burden on the conscience do you need to confess and release to Jesus so that you can walk in full confidence in Christ?

## SEEK

- Just as Abraham blessed Abimelech by praying for him (Genesis 20:17), spend time blessing your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors through an extended time of intercession.

## APPLY

Each time you meet with Jesus this week, begin by receiving his extravagant blessing and simply thanking him for it. Picture him coming to meet you like Melchizedek, with a feast of bread and wine.