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Read Hebrews 5:1-6

1) From verses 1-4, what are 3 general facts about high priests?

Why did these priests have to offer sacrifices for himself?

Why was he able to be gentle with wayward people?

2) Who called Aaron to serve as priest? See also Exodus 28:1-3.

What happened to other people who approached the sanctuary but who weren’t the descendants of Aaron? See also Numbers 18:1-7.

How does this help you understand the need for a different order of priesthood for Christ?

3) Who ordained Jesus Christ as a high priest?

4) What can you learn about Melchizedek from each reference below?

   Genesis 14:18-20

   Psalm 110:4

   Hebrews 5:6, 10

5) Melchizedek was introduced in Genesis 14:18-20 and Psalm 110:4 as the priest of God Most High. This was approximately 600 years before God appointed Aaron as high priest and his descendants as the priesthood when the law was given through Moses. How does the selection of Jesus by the order of Melchizedek confirm the superiority of His priesthood?
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Read Hebrews 5:7-10


7) Explain how Jesus’ cry was “heard” in verse 7 since He did die.

8) Why or what did Jesus need to learn about obedience?

9) In what ways does verse 9 challenge your thinking? What does this teach you about Jesus’ ministry?

How does this encourage you about the purpose of suffering in this life? See also Romans 8:17-18 and 1 Peter 5:10.

Read Hebrews 5:11-14

10) The author has much to say about Jesus being in the order of Melchizedek, but what problem does he face?

Do you see this as a problem in the church today?

What has happened in your own life when you had this problem?

11) Notice that the Hebrews had become this way over time (you no longer try). What warning does this give to us today? See also Hebrews 2:1.

List some ways you can avoid spiritual dullness.
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12) What seems to be meant by “milk”? “Solid food”?

13) How might the expression “use it or lose it” apply to chapter 5:11-14?

14) What do you think is the meaning of “teaching about righteousness” that the “spiritual infants” were not acquainted with?

How does a person grow into maturity by eating “solid food”? See also 2 Timothy 3:15.

15) How and why does a person refuse to grow up spiritually? What specific things can you do this week to prevent spiritual immaturity and seek to grow as a follower of Jesus?