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## Abounding Grace: Experiencing and Expressing Grace

### *Sympathetic High Priest*

Hebrews 4:14-16

#### **For Discussion and Reflection:**

1. The Apostle tells us that Jesus provides a better “hope,” Hebrews 6:19, 10:19-23. This hope travels: it takes us behind the curtain, “where Jesus has gone.” What is the significance of going behind the curtain to engage with God? How does this help us as we approach God?
2. Multiple times in the letter to the Hebrews, the Apostle says Jesus “sat down” at the Father’s “right hand.” These are two important statements. First, what does sitting down communicate about his work? What does it communicate about his status? Second, what is significant about God’s “right hand”? How do these two concepts help us as we approach God?
3. The Apostle says that as the “founder” of our salvation, Jesus needed to be “perfected” by suffering. Jesus is without sin, as the Apostle states, so what needs to be “perfected” in him? Remember, the goal of this perfection is his ability to sympathize with us. How does this help us as we approach God? (Hebrews 2:10-11, 14-18, 4:14-15, 5:7-10)
4. A new concept in the workplace is called “quiet quitting.” This occurs when an employee, usually working from home, does the bare minimum of his job. He doesn’t fully engage in his responsibilities and doesn’t connect with his work. The writer of Hebrews insists that Jesus is a “faithful” High Priest, Hebrews 2:14-18. He faithfully serves God by faithfully ministering to us. How does this help us as we engage with God?
5. The Apostle says about Jesus, “he is able to help those being tempted,” Hebrews 2:14-18. He’s able to help because he suffered, enduring temptations full force without succumbing. This refers not only to his ability or power, but his complete understanding of the complexities of temptation, its deception, its appeal, and how it’s used against us. As you wrestle with temptation, how can Jesus minister to you? Have you engaged with him regarding your temptations? How are you doing that today?
6. The Apostle says that we have come to “share” in Christ, Hebrews 3:14. Wrap all these concepts up together. What does it mean to share in Christ? How does our union with Jesus help us today?
7. What response do you have to this lesson? How is the Spirit calling you to respond?