

Bible Study for Diocese of Maine Town Hall #43

14 September 2021

Read aloud: Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Engage these questions.

You don't have to get to all of them – or any of them – if your conversation takes you elsewhere. There is no report back.

- What does it mean to you to have Jesus as your great High Priest?
- How might our relationship with God be different had Jesus not been “tested as we are”?
- In verse 16 it says that we can “with boldness draw near to the throne”, what does that look like?
- In what circumstances do you find it most difficult to “hold fast to your confession” (v 14)? What Scripture do you meditate on in moments like these?
- Jesus’ ability to “sympathize with our weakness” is presented to us as a comfort in Hebrews. How does this comfort you specifically? That is, how do Jesus’ experiences recorded in the gospels enable him to relate to your own experiences?