



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
ORANGE PARK**

**discussion guide**

July 2, 2023

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:**

**Hebrews 7:1-10**

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,<sup>2</sup> and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace.<sup>3</sup> He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

<sup>4</sup> See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils!  
<sup>5</sup> And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham.  
<sup>6</sup> But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.  
<sup>7</sup> It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior.  
<sup>8</sup> In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives.  
<sup>9</sup> One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham,  
<sup>10</sup> for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.<sup>1</sup>

**D-GROUP AGENDA**

**Welcome & Catch Up**

Begin your D-Group time by taking a few minutes to catch up since your last meeting. Share updates regarding prayer requests shared previously and celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of your group members.

**Read It**

Read the scripture passage, highlighting portions that stand out and things you wish to discuss.

**Study It**

Among your group, discuss those things that stand out in the passage. For things that may be confusing or create more questions, work together to discover God's truth. Here are a few good books on Hebrews and Leviticus.

Hughes, R. Kent. *Hebrews: An Anchor for the Soul*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015.

Mathews, Kenneth A. *Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People*. Preaching the Word Commentary. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Holy Bible: English Standard Version](#). (2016). (Heb 7:1–10). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Moseley, Allan. *Leviticus*. Christ-Centered Exposition. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2015.

Mohler, R. Albert, Jr. *Exalting Jesus in Hebrews: Christ-Centered Exposition*. Nashville, TN: Holman, 2017.

Schreiner, Thomas R. *Hebrews*. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary. Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2020.

### **Review It**

Why do you think the character of Melchizedek plays such a prominent role in the book of Hebrews?

What have you learned about this Old Testament character that you did not already know?

Why is the priesthood so prominent in this New Testament book?

What about the fact that this man was a king and priest stands out for you?

### **Five Questions**

1. What did you like about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this week's scripture passage and sermon?
3. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about God?
4. What does this week's scripture passage and sermon say about humanity?
5. Who outside your group needs to hear the truths from this week's sermon?

### **Prayer**

Pray for each other. Pray for our church and for others gathering in D-groups. Pray for specific needs shared among your members.