

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

MARCH 27, 2022



### ICEBREAKER

Spring is in the air! What is your favorite thing about Easter?

### QUESTIONS

Have you experienced a time when sides were being picked for teams and you were chosen? What was it like to be chosen? What was it like when you were not chosen, or chosen last?

This week's message is about the Priesthood of all Believers. Do you believe some people have greater access to God than others? And Why? (e.g., priests, rabbis, pastors, etc.)

What was the purpose of a Priest in the Old Testament? [\(in the Jewish sacrificial system the unclean were separated from God until they were cleansed from their sins through the priest, the priest was a mediator between a Holy God and Unholy man\)](#)

## READ

Matthew 27:50-51 and Hebrews 11:11-14

## QUESTIONS

How does Jesus' death on the cross change our access to God? (our access to God is no longer dependent on sacrificial system, No need for a person to stand between us and God, Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice for our sins and ended the separation, Jesus opened the door for our access to God)

What do you find encouraging about these passages?

If we are confident that God always hears us, what keeps us from approaching God?

## READ

Hebrews 10:19-25

## QUESTIONS

Where does our confidence to approach God come from? (in the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus) Why is this important to know? (you can approach God anytime, God hears you and your prayers, God is available, you can have a relationship with God)

Patrick says, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." What are some ways we can draw near to God?

What are the three "let us" phrases in Hebrews 10:19-25? How do we apply them?

Why should we not give up on gathering together? (to encourage, to love, to support each other, to build others up, to share resources, to worship together, not to look only at our interest but the interests of others)

## READ

Hebrews 4:16

## QUESTIONS

What word or phrase stands out to you?

What does Hebrews 4:16 teach us about God? (God freely gives grace, you can approach God in your times of trouble, need, or in temptation, you do not have to wonder whether you can come to God, God invites you to come)

## QUESTION

What points from our discussion did you find most insightful? Difficult to understand?

## PRAYER: How can this group pray for you this week?

Thank you, Lord, for giving us this time to gather. We are grateful for the awareness that we can approach you in confidence. We ask you to help us draw near to you daily and in our moments of need. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## LEADERS:

**This is our last Sermon Discussion Guide. If you'd like to continue meeting please let us know.**

**Share about Comedy Date Night – All campuses welcome! Mike Goodwin is coming on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm to the Richmond Campus. It'll be a great time for laughter (he's a funny dude!) and desserts. Don't forget our 5K is on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Get your walk or run on! It's not too late to sign up for either of these at [rpc.me/events](http://rpc.me/events).**