

# The Priesthood

Leviticus 8 - 10

## DISCUSSION RESOURCE FOR LIFE GROUPS

### Introduction Question

- Think back to before Sunday night's talk, what ideas would have come to mind when thinking about the idea of priest or priesthood?

### Reading the text – Lev 8 - 10

In your group, divide into pairs and then decide how best to have the whole group read the whole text together. (Be as creative OR simple as you want to be so long as the text is read and people have time to appreciate the flow and focus of each section)

Remain in pairs and spend time considering the three chapters detailed in the reading. As you discuss with your partner the details of the priesthood, consider:

- Creating an outline of events of one of either chapter 8, 9 or 10.
- What parallels can you see between Exodus 29 & Leviticus 8.
- Consider how Leviticus 8 differs to Leviticus 9.
- Consider some of the specific detail that grabs your attention and discuss potential meaning
- Discuss why this institution of the priesthood is not sufficient.

**NOW** – gather as a group and share your key insights.

### GOD'S DESIRE TO DWELL AMONGST HIS PEOPLE

The institution of the priesthood is God's initiative in bringing his people back into a right relationship with him. The Old Testament priests were established by God to be the sacrificial representatives, in mediating between God and God's people, specifically through the sacrificial system that we discussed last week.

Suggest that individuals consider - Heb 2:14-28 & 7:23-28 and then share thoughts and ideas connected with the notion that Jesus is the fulfilment of everything seen within the Old Testament priesthood.

- Share your thoughts on the difference between the Old Testament Priest and Hebrews description of Jesus.
- In what ways is Jesus the perfect High Priest?

### From understanding to application:

1. Read 1 Peter 2:4-5; 9-10; Revelation 1:5-6 and consider what it means for us to enter into the holy priesthood with Christ.
2. From the above passages, what are the required responses that stem from being part of this holy priesthood?

### CONCLUSION

- Share insights or promptings as to what this might mean for you as you live out being part of God's holy priesthood – Are there areas in your life that God is wanting to shape and mould?
- Spend some time as a group (or smaller groups) praying through what you have discussed tonight, and any key reflections/insights that may have arisen.