

Draw Near: The Gospel According to Hebrews

Jesus: The Advocate

HEBREWS 4:14 - 5:10

CORE TRUTH

Week of October 5, 2025

Jesus is our great high priest—our perfect advocate. He knows what it's like to be human, but he never gave in to sin. He stands between us and God—not in judgment, but in love.

WELCOME to remind us why we're here.

⌚ Spend about 5 minutes here.

Mission – To become more like Jesus – together.

Vision – We work out our salvation side-by-side—with honesty, humility, and hope. We walk with one another, not just to talk about Jesus, but to be transformed by him. (Philippians 2:12–13)

Guidelines – Our Group Guidelines help us live out our mission and vision with kindness and humility. We encourage you to read and discuss the guidelines together regularly—they can be found on the last page.

HEAD to help us examine what the word shows and let in what's true.

⌚ Spend about 10 minutes here.

- What do you notice about how Jesus represents us before God in this passage?
- How does his understanding of our weakness make him a better advocate than anyone else could be?

HEART to help us wrestle with what we believe and be with each other in it.

⌚ Spend about 30 minutes here.

- When you imagine someone standing between you and God, what kind of person do you picture—and how does that compare to who Jesus really is?
- What's something you need to hear Jesus say on your behalf today?
- What can you hand over to Jesus today if you really believe he is already speaking for you?

HANDS to help us live out the truth with the Spirit as we go out into the world.

⌚ Spend about 15 minutes here.

- **Over the past few weeks, we've been asking a version of this question:** "What would it look like to live like Jesus is enough?" Each week, that question has met us in different places: In our restlessness, in our striving, in our fear, etc. This week, take a moment to look back and be honest:
- **What have you noticed about your heart—what's stirred, softened, or stayed guarded over the last few weeks?**
- Finish your time together by praying for your group.

LEADER RESOURCES

• [Weekly Leader Video](#) • [Bible Project Overview](#) • [Gospel Coalition on Hebrews](#) • [Tim Keller Hebrews Series](#) •

NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE

Hebrews 7:1–28

GRoUPS

DISCIPLESHIP GROUP GUIDELINES

- **Safe Group:** We strive for an environment where everyone can be open, and honest about his or her struggles and victories.
- **Confidentiality:** What is said in the group stays in the group.
- **Listen:** We want to value one another by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond while someone is sharing.
- **Pause:** Allowing a pause in the conversation after one person shares and before the next person shares gives the person sharing a chance to finish. A pause also gives the group an opportunity to consider before responding.
- **Silence:** It is important to allow silence in the group as it provides an opportunity for people to think deeply, to gather their thoughts in order to share, and to genuinely consider what others have shared.
- **One Conversation at a Time:** Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.
- **No Fixing:** We are not here to fix each other; Jesus does that part. Give encouragement and ask questions, but try not to solve or fix one another.
- **No Rescuing:** When people are sharing something deeply personal, please resist the tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or their situation by providing immediate condolences. This will often cause people to stop sharing.
- **Be Curious:** By asking the next question, we communicate genuine interest. We keep the conversation moving forward while building relationships and intimacy.
- **Be Self-Aware:** Be mindful of how you are personally affecting the small group environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication. Be sensitive about the amount of time you share, whether too much (dominating) or not enough (hiding).
- **Use "I" Statements:** It is very easy to talk about other people's issues, but, for our purposes, we want to put ourselves on the table. Use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "people", "you", "us", "we", etc.
- **Resolve Conflict Biblically:** As a group we commit to extend grace to one another. Conflict is not bad, it's an opportunity for growth. We are all being transformed to be more like Jesus. Conflict and change are a part of that journey. (Matthew 18)
- **Manage Technology:** Let's respect one another by silencing alerts on our devices.

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