

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. In Numbers 17.5, God says He would give the Israelites a sign to help their grumbling about the priests to cease. How does giving a sign demonstrate God's patience, grace, and wisdom?
2. Read Numbers 17.8 and Jeremiah 1.11-12. Why is it both surprising and significant that Aaron's staff produced ripe almonds? How does this agricultural imagery illustrate God's faithfulness to provide redemption in Jesus Christ?
3. Read Hebrews 7.11-16. Why does the author repeatedly point out that Jesus was not a descendent of Aaron or the Levites? How does this help highlight Jesus' uniqueness as a priest?
4. Read Hebrews 7.16. On what basis (or by what sign) is Jesus proven to be a priest that is not only different, but permanent? How does this deepen your appreciation for the significance of Jesus' resurrection?
5. Read Hebrews 7.19. What are some ways you have sought significance, security, help, or community apart from Jesus Christ? Why is it so important to remember and trust in Jesus as a priest who alone can give you these things as you draw near to God? How is Jesus truly "a better hope" for experiencing all of these things?