

BEHOLD THE GOD WHO CARES

December 19, 2021 | Hebrews 1:14-16 | Pastor Mike Foster

Hold fast to Jesus... (vv. 14-15)

... Because He is a great high priest

... Because He is a sympathetic high priest

Draw near to Jesus... (v. 16)

... In weakness

... With confidence

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

- Meditate on Hebrews 4:14-16 and Hebrews 10:19-25. Memorize Hebrews 2:18.
- Listen to “O Come all ye Unfaithful” – www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-QHbpYjulg

- Listen to “Wonderful” – www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-SkNNOnPiU
- Watch this message “Comforts from the Cross” by Elyse Fitzpatrick – www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lCkWd_ScSI
*Note: Elyse is a featured speaker at the Biblical Counseling Conference in February, which you can register for here: www.faithlafayette.org/conferences
- Listen to “Crown Him (Christmas)” - www.youtube.com/watch?v=snJcqpBNyIU
- Read about Jesus’ ministry as High Priest - www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/jesus-high-priest-training/
- Read “Why you can embrace disillusionment” - www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/why-you-can-embrace-disillusionment/
- Read an advent devotional such as *Joy to the World* by Spurgeon or *Come Let us Adore Him* by Paul David Tripp or *Uncovering Mercies at the Manger* by Kim Sorgius (great option for families).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that stood out to you from the message?
2. Have you ever been “disillusioned” about something? About your faith or church or Christianity? Explain.
3. The Hebrews are encouraged to “hold fast” to their confession, which was Christ! Have you ever been tempted to “let go” of Christ? Explain. How has God helped you to hold fast to Him?
4. Read John 10:25-30. What do you learn in this passage about how God hangs onto us? According to this passage, is it possible for one who has believed in Christ to lose eternal life? (Also consider John 3:16, John 5:24, and 1 John 5:11-13.)
5. Read Hebrews 4:15 – what does this verse mean to you specifically in this season?
6. Describe a time when Jesus helped you to overcome temptation or to persevere in a trial. How was Jesus real to you during that time?
7. On a scale of 1-10, how confidently do you approach God?
8. How do some of these verses help give you confidence in approaching God? (Romans 4:4-5, 5:1-2, 8:1, 15:7)
9. We learned a song called “O Come all ye Unfaithful.” Why might that be a better title for a song than the Christmas carol we all know and love?
10. Do you think of God’s throne as a throne of grace? What does it mean that God’s throne is a “throne of grace”? What might it look like for you to come before that throne?