

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from September 20, 2015
The Superiority of Christ's High Priestly Ministry
Hebrews 8:1-6**

Observing the text

How can professing believers be assured that Christ is presently ministering on their behalf in the heavenly sanctuary?

How does Hebrews 8:1-2 serve as a transition between what the author had been saying about Christ's appointment as high priest and the next theme?

What argument is the author trying to advance when he states every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices in Hebrews 8:3?

What argument is the author trying to advance in Hebrews 8:4 when he states that if Christ were on earth that He would be no priest at all?

What argument was the author trying to advance in Hebrews 8:5 when he referred to the gifts offered according to the Law as merely copies and shadows of heavenly things?

What is the "better covenant" the author was referring to in Hebrews 8:6?

Applying the sermon

How can Christ be dishonored by Christians in His role as our great heavenly high priest?

What are some of the ways that Christians can honor Christ in His role as our great heavenly high priest?

How have you been honoring or dishonoring Christ in respect to His role as our great heavenly high priest?

Why is it impossible for a Christian who is walking in sin to honor Christ in His role as our great heavenly high priest?