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Icebreaker

What's your go-to strategy for staying awake when you're about to fall asleep during a meeting or conversation?

Discussion Prompts

1. Have you ever hesitated to bring anything to God in prayer? If so, why did you hesitate?

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2. How does Jesus' role of High Priest (as described in Hebrews 7:23-26) grant us permission to approach God?

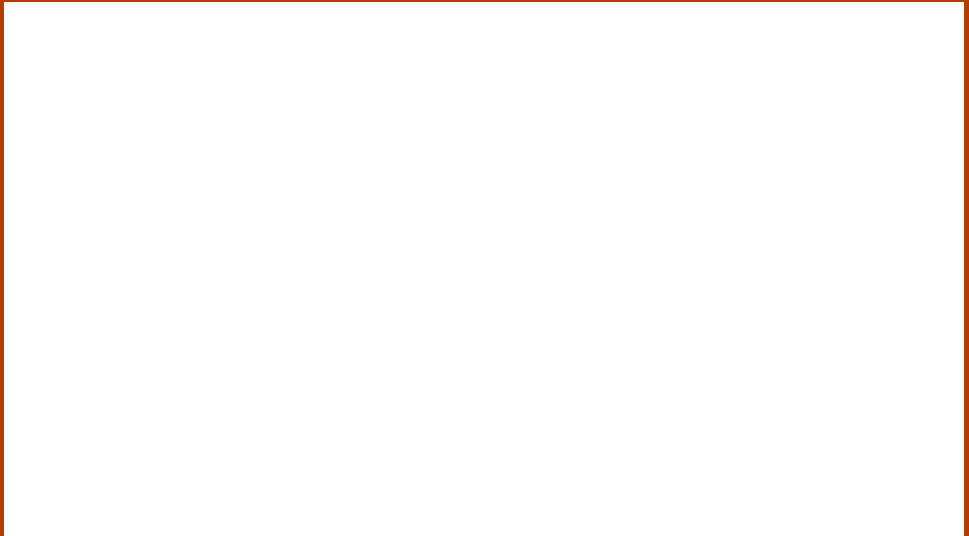
3. What does it look like for you to be reverent when approaching God?

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4. With Hebrews 4:16 in mind, read Isaiah 55:6-7 and Romans 5:1-2. Discuss the difference between “receiving mercy” & “finding grace” and the ways that both grace and mercy impact believers’ lives.



5. Hebrews 4:16 tells us to approach God’s throne with confidence. How might the practices and mindset described in Philippians 4:4-6 give us confidence to approach God?



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Group Prayer

Psalm 62:8 says, “Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.” Provide a time of prayer for group members to bring anything to God.

Personal Reflection & Deeper Study for This Week

- Memorize Hebrews 4:16
- Read Hebrews 4. How does Hebrews 4:16 connect to other ideas/themes presented in Hebrews 4?
- Read Psalm 103:8-13; Matthew 11:28-30; Ephesians 3:12; and Hebrews 10:19-22. List the commonalities between these verses and Hebrews 4:16. How do these verses enhance your understanding of Hebrews 4:16?
- How did the idea of approaching God change from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant, especially in light of Christ as our High Priest?