

**Uniqueness of Jesus series**

**Jesus enables us to approach God as our Father**

What did God speak to you about on Sunday? What can you remember from Duncan's message?

Summary: Jesus has opened up the way for us to approach God as our Father through his own death and resurrection. We now live knowing that we are chosen, intimately loved as his son or daughter, and to hear his well done my child. Matthew 3:13-17

1. Under the old covenant the Jewish High Priest represented the people before God. The Priests made various sacrifices and offerings regularly for the people's sin. Christ gave his life as a one time sacrifice for our sin, and has become our high priest.

Read Hebrews 4:14 to 5:10.

One theme in the book of Hebrews is that Jesus is greater and better. How has Jesus, through becoming our High Priest, become greater?

Even when we are tempted and fail we can still come with confidence to our Heavenly Father, knowing that he fully understands our frailty and weakness. In fact it is in our coming to Father that enables him to give us grace and strength in our need.

2. Read John 17:20-26. This passage is part of Jesus "High Priestly Prayer" for his disciples and us! What do these verses tell us about our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and with each other?

When we are born again we begin a relationship with the whole trinity. This relationship speaks to the world around us, because we are changed by the love of our Father, and we carry that love within us. As a church we are caught up in this love relationship which binds us together and makes us one.

Are there any areas in my life that need to be changed and transformed by the love of my Father?

3. Read Romans 8:14-16. As a child of God I am able to approach God as my Father and call him Abba. What sort of things 'lead us back in slavery' and try to stop us living as sons and daughters?

Consider these passages, there may be others that come to mind:  
Philippians 4:6-8. Galatians 5:16-25. Matthew 6: 25-26.

As a group pray 1John 4:18-19, that the generous love of God will remove all fear from us and that our Father will perfect us in his love. Pray for each other to receive more of the Father's love, He has more for us to receive!