The welcome verse for this week is Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



Servant Unto Death Isaiah 53; 1 Timothy 2:5 Hebrews 9:11-14

The Bottom Line: Jesus is our Great(er) High Priest.

Introduction:

Have you ever experienced the pains of sin?

Sometimes it is our own sin and sometimes it is the sins of others...

The reality of sin in our world grips us and we bear much grief.

Tension:

No good deed can ever make up for the bad that I have done.

No distraction can remove the shame that I feel.

Who can free us? Who can heal us? Who can deliver us?

Truth

A long time ago, the sins of the people were taken care of by <i>priests</i> .	

God had a better plan, a once-for-all plan to reconcile the creation back to the Creator. Jesus was the plan.

Jesus is our Great(er) High Priest.

In what ways does Jesus stand as our Great High Priest?

1.	He identified with sinners.
2.	He died for sinners.
3.	He intercedes for sinners.

Application & Conclusion:

The person and work of Jesus Christ remain as our high hope. This is *good news* for all of us who receive God's salvation. Repent and believe the Good News. We are blessed in Christ. Healed by his wounds. Given peace in his sacrifice. He suffered in death so that we might flourish in life.

Meditate on Isaiah 53.

Discussion	questions	for	group	this	week:
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- 1. What does this teach me about God?
- 2. What does this teach me about me?

- 3. How do I apply this to my life?
- 4. If I could ask a question about this it would be....