

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### Hebrews 4:14-16

#### Talk About

- Say 3 facts about yourself; 2 of which are true, and 1 that is false. See if the others in the group can guess the lie!
- Describe a time when you went into a church building and were *uncomfortable* about anything that you saw.
- Who was your most trusted confidant when you were growing up? What was so special about them?

#### Read About

- What is Jesus' superior title (v.14a)? What is different to Aaron's title in the Old Testament? (See Exodus 28:1-2)
- Where is Jesus carrying out His priestly duties (v.14b)?
- Why is Jesus able to '*sympathise with our weaknesses*' (v.15)? When did Jesus experience this weakness? (See Luke 4:1-13)
- How are believers to approach Jesus (v.16a)?
- What will we receive when we approach Jesus in this way (v.16b)? When should we approach Jesus?

#### Think About

- Think about Jesus' life on earth. What events in Jesus' life indicate to you that He is a 'Great High Priest'?
- "*Jesus was the most compassionate of all priests.*" (Raymond Brown, former Principal, Spurgeon's College). Why do you agree (or disagree) with this statement?
- Grace and Mercy are both mentioned in this passage. How do you differentiate between them?
- In what areas of your life are you comforted by knowing that Jesus can sympathise with your weaknesses – yet was without sin.
- You could end by reading / memorising Hebrews 4:14.

## **Hebrews 4:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.