

CLOSING THE GAP
Longview FUMC Lenten Bible Study
Week 5: SUBMISSION and OBEDIENCE – Hebrews 5:5-10

Theme/Focus: The power of Jesus Christ was demonstrated by his submission to an earthly life and in his ultimate suffering for humankind. Jesus was obedient in his submission to the will of the Father and to his call to selflessness and sacrifice, even to the point of death. He obediently submitted to offer eternal salvation to those who follow and obey him. Our discipleship calls us to submission and obedience to the call of Jesus Christ.

Related Scriptures:

Genesis 14:17-20/Psalm 110:4 – Melchizedek and the Order of Melchizedek
Matthew 26:36-46 – Jesus in Gethsemane – Submission to God’s Will/Disciples’ Weakness
John 14:15-17 – Keep My Commandments
John 14:21-31 – Jesus Loves the Father and Calls Followers to Obey His Call
John 15:1-17 – Abiding in Christ and Command to Love
Romans 12:1-3 – Living Sacrifices and Transformation
Philippians 2:1-11 – Imitating Christ’s Humility and Obedience
1 Peter 1:13-17 – Call to Holy Living
1 John 3:11-24 – Command to Love One Another

Questions:

- Why are submission and obedience so unwelcomed?
- What cultural issues are associated negatively with submission?
- Where is obedience a prevalent problem today?
- How did Jesus Christ demonstrate submission and obedience?
- What are followers of Christ called to do?
- Why is Jesus Identified with the Order of Melchizedek?
- What characteristics are associated with someone to be obeyed?
- Where can we demonstrate obedience in our faithful discipleship?