

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**  
Applying this message to everyday life

1. Name a few things that have shifted in your thinking and lifestyle because of Jesus.
2. Whether we realize it or not, those with whom we share the gospel are working under paradigms they hold to be true. What factors can best help you to communicate the new paradigm that Jesus represents?
3. What paradigm needs to shift in your thinking for you to be more active in sharing your faith?
4. Spend time together praying for how this message can be applied in your lives.

*A Better Way*  
*#597 – Jesus, The New Paradigm*  
*Hebrews 7:11-25*

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**Jesus, The New Paradigm**

If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?

Hebrews 7:11

A paradigm shift changes our concepts, values and practices when our established way of thinking about something is \_\_\_\_\_ by a new and different way.

\_\_\_\_\_ means to put someone in the position in which they can have access to God.

**Why the New Paradigm?**

1. The priesthood and the Law were \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Being imperfect, they could not continue \_\_\_\_\_.

**Why Such Resistance to the New Paradigm?**

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ is often riding on our paradigms. We are not going to give them up easily - until the new paradigm can be somehow incorporated into our picture of reality.
2. We are literally unable to "see" the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new paradigm even though it is right in front of our "eyes."
3. We see the evidence but \_\_\_\_\_ it away, distort it, or declare that it is inaccurate.

**Paradigms Matter**

1. Evangelism calls those outside of the faith to shift paradigms to a Christian \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We should monitor our own \_\_\_\_\_ to see if we are holding fast to the paradigm of Christ.

## GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

A. What is the first major news story you remember as a child?

B. Name some products, which you dearly miss, that have been replaced by newer technology.

C. What is something positive that comes to mind when you think about your mother?

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK – DIGGING DEEPER

Jot down a brief answer to the following four questions

### Quick Review

1. Reflecting on this week's sermon, is there any principle or insight that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

2. Jesus is our High Priest based on the power of an indestructible life (Heb 7:16). Read John 10:28-29, Romans 8:35-37 and 2 Cor 5:1-5. What do these verses convey regarding our indestructible life?

3. Hebrews 7:18-19 declares the law (former regulation) is set aside and we have a new and better hope. Romans 6:11-14 affirms this truth and uses the phrase we are "not under the law." What does it mean to "not be under the law?"

4. Hebrews 7:25 states that "Jesus lives to intercede for us." This means he approaches God the Father and makes appeals on our behalf. Describe how powerful His intercession must be. For reference, read the story of intercession on behalf of the ungodly King Jeroboam in 1 Kings 12:25-13:6. If God can heal King Jeroboam, how much more can He do for us?