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### **NEXT STEPS** to help us process and apply God's Word

- Read chapter 8 in "Gentle & Lowly." Read Romans 8 and Hebrews
  7. Sit and ponder the intercession of Jesus.
- Pray. Start by thanking Jesus for His intercession and for the justification He provides and brings before the Father on your behalf. Don't start with you, start with Jesus.
- Pray. If you struggle with mental self-justification, ask God to release you from that way of thinking and to remind you that Jesus has indeed paid it all and is still making your case.

**NEXT WEEK:** The Advocating of Jesus | 1 John 2



#### The Permanence of Jesus

Hebrews 7:23-28 Sunday, August 1, 2021

Even though we believe in the cross and empty tomb, we can live much of our lives between our ears trying to mentally justify ourselves before God. But what if there was freedom from that? What if someone else made our case for us?

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org.

Our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

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What is your favorite memory from this summer so far?

## **DISCUSS** (use some of these questions to process God's Word together)

- 1. Open your Bible to Hebrews 7:23-28. Read the text aloud with one another.
- 2. What is intercession? Was your understanding of this crucial doctrine changed or challenged?
- 3. How does intercession illuminate Jesus' heart for His people?

4. Why is the doctrine of justification so important? How can overemphasizing it lead us to ignore other ways Jesus works?

5. Why is the word "uttermost" in Hebrews 7:25 important to understand?

6. Growth Groups as FAMILY: While we can't intercede for one another the same way Jesus intercedes for us, we can still talk to God. How can you intercede for one another this week to spiritually and physically care for one another?

# **PRAY** (use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)

• Ask God by the power of the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Scriptures for your group time. Thank God for His mercy and heart toward us in Jesus.