

**LIVE IT OUT TOGETHER**  
**Leviticus...for the rest of us | Leviticus 16**  
**Sept 21th and Sept 22th, 2024**  
**My Story Questions**

*These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion.*

- 1) What is your birth order and how do you think that has impacted you?
- 2) What life event would you say has shaped you the most?

**Study Questions**

*Some questions ask for facts, some ask for truths, some ask for application. Vary the type to include everyone.*

**Big Idea: God's grace provides the way into his Presence.**

Warm up question: This chapter concludes the purity laws that were a **gift** from God. They offered a way back into His presence after it was defiled by Nadab and Abihu. What does the idea of a **gift** mean to you? How is Jesus a **gift**?

**Read Leviticus 16:1-6 "Atonement" is the doorway to life with God.**

1) This chapter is the thematic and theological center of Leviticus and of the entire Pentateuch (Gen-Deut). Why is the day of atonement so important? What is its main purpose?

2) "To make atonement" means both to cleanse or wipe clean and to pay a ransom for one's life. How are the two related? How does Jesus accomplish both?

3) The Day of Atonement was to be performed yearly. How does that point to the need for something more permanent? How is the atonement of Jesus more complete? (Hebrews 9:1-14)

**Read Leviticus 16:7-19 Pictures of Jesus' work in the day of atonement.**

4) The two goats made atonement for God's people in two ways. The first goat purified the space where God dwelled by the sprinkling of its innocent blood. How did this goat point to Jesus and his atoning sacrifice?

5) When blood of the innocent goat was sprinkled over the sacred spaces it covered over or disinfected sin. Jesus' blood has much more disinfecting power. Why is it hard for believers to feel clean and purified?

6) Jesus spoke about his blood being poured out when he instituted communion. How will this impact your thoughts when you take communion? (Luke 22:20)

**Read Leviticus 16:20-26**

7) The second goat bore the sins of the people and removed them from God's presence. What are the similarities between this goat and what Jesus did for us? (1 Peter 2:24, Hebrews 13:11-12) How could you show your gratitude to Jesus for atoning for your sins?

8) The high priest would lay his hand upon the head of the live goat, confess the sins of the people and send the goat away. List the sins that our generation might ask Jesus to carry away. Provide time for your group members to write out prayers of confession that they could lay upon Jesus.

9) Micah 7 says God hurls sin into the depth of the sea. Psalm 103 says sin is removed as far as East is from West. Where does God send the live goat that carries sin? How do these passages comfort you?

10) How can the implications of Jesus' atonement help us conquer shame and guilt?

**Responding to Jesus**

*Offer this for personal reflection before your group prayer time. Practice listening for God's voice.*

1) Ask Jesus, "Where are you asking me to trust what you have already accomplished?"