#### LIVE IT OUT TOGETHER

# Leviticus...for the rest of us | Leviticus 17-27 Sept 28th and Sept 29th, 2024

## My Story Questions

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

- 1) Who have been your greatest heroes?
- 2) What hopes do you have for...choose one 1) your children 2) your marriage 3) your job 4) your church

### **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 people are to live out His presence in community

**Warm up:** How have you witnessed the community of God living out the holy nature of His presence? What does holiness look like in an individual and in the church body?

#### We live "set apart" because God is with us.

- 1) Read Leviticus 17:10-11. Last week we learned that the blood of Christ purifies us. His atonement makes us Holy. Why would God choose blood to be such an important part of the sacrificial system?
- 2) The call to holiness is a theme in Leviticus and is echoed in the New Testament (Lev 19:1 and I Peter 1:14-16). What are some ways to define or explain holiness?
- 3) We are made holy by being present with God. How is living out the holiness we have been given different than striving to gain holiness by the way we live? How does the difference impact you?

## We structure our lives to keep us connected to the reality of God's presence: Commands for living

- 4) From Leviticus 18, what words describe God's thoughts about sexual immorality? Why would these instructions be so necessary then and now?
- 5) Read Leviticus 18:3,24,30. What reason did God give for these commands? How would these instructions mark God's people as very different from the other nations?
- 6) How is your lifestyle different from the world around you? (Rom.12:2, James 1:27)
- 7) How can you be in the world but not polluted by it? Can you give an example?
- 8) Skim Chapter 19 and find some of the most surprising laws. What principles can be drawn and applied from those that seem specific to that time? Which civil laws might be true for God's people in any age? How do other scriptures help you draw that conclusion? (Lev.19:18 with Matt 22:39)
- 9) Which commands seem especially relevant to you?
- 10) Chapters 20 & 26 outline the consequences of disobedience to these civil laws. What do you learn about God's attitude toward disobedience? Does that make you run to Him or hide from Him? (I John 1:9)

#### We structure our lives to keep us connected to the reality of God's presence: Rhythms of life

- 11) The festivals in chapter created a rhythm for coming back into his presence. What rhythms (Spiritual practices) do you have that help you remember you are always in His presence?
- 12) Each festival has an element of ceasing work and trusting God to provide. How have you used or could you use your Sundays as a rhythm for trusting God's provision?
- 13) The festivals brought the community together. How is being holy important as the body of Christ and not just to the individual?

## Responding to Jesus

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

- 1) Ask Jesus, "Where specifically do you want me to live out your holiness?
- 2) Ask Jesus, "What adjustments can I make so that your holiness flows out of me more consistently?"