

LIVE IT OUT TOGETHER
Leviticus...for the rest of us | Leviticus 1-10
Sept 7th and Sept 8th, 2024
My Story Questions

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

- 1) What is your favorite book or movie? Why?
- 2) What activities do you most enjoy during the Fall months?

Study Questions

Complete these questions for your own personal preparation to lead, but choose only some to discuss.

Big Idea: God's story unfolds his desire to dwell with us.

Warm up: Now that God has come to live with Israel (Exodus 40:34), the people must learn how to live in his presence. "Just as the Lord commanded" is repeated often in Leviticus. How can we live like that today?

Skim the headings of chapters 1-7. Read Lev. 1:1 and the section summary in 7:37-38.

Entry into Yahweh's Presence required an offering to draw near.

- 1) How does the need for these offerings show the Holy nature of God? What does it say about the nature of man and what is required of us to enter his presence? (Romans 1:21-22)
- 2) God is holy and insists the people who dwell with him "Be Holy". (Lev 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:7,8) Holy means both "separate from impurity and separate for sacred use" What does holiness look like in your daily life?
- 3) What do you learn about God's desire to dwell with His people? To what lengths has He gone to make it possible in Old Testament days and in our days? When have you especially experienced his closeness? Spend time in prayer with your group thanking God for his willingness to dwell with us.
- 4) What does it mean that you are now the temple of God (1 Cor. 6:19)? How does that affect your perspectives, your purpose, your daily actions?
- 5) His presence in the tabernacle was temporary. What gives you confidence/comfort that his presence in you is permanent? (Eph. 1:13-14)
- 6) The Israelites had to follow very specific instructions to draw near to God. How does this contrast with our new reality? (Hebrews 4:14-16) How do you sometimes think of drawing near God on your own terms rather than trusting his provision?

Read about the priests being installed(Chapter 8:1-9,22-24 & 9:22-24 &10:1-3)

Drawing near required a consecrated intermediary and proper worship.

- 7) What is your response to the way Jesus meets our need for a high priest (Heb. 7:23-28)
- 8) How was the blood on the priest's right ear, thumb and big toe a picture of being totally set apart? Why those places? Jesus fulfills these requirements for complete holiness. (1 Peter 1:9, 2 Corinthians 5:21) What is the balance between resting in Jesus' holiness and pursuing holiness in our actions?
- 9) How did the people respond to the display of God's glory and presence? When has God's presence caused you to respond in a similar way? How can corporate worship be contagious?
- 10) What have you learned about God in this week's study? How can your group pray for you as you strive to live out this truth?

Responding to Jesus

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

- 1) Ask Jesus, "How do you want me to think of your indwelling Presence differently?"
- 2) Ask Jesus, "What words can I use to thank you for dwelling with me"