

The Torah

Atonement | Leviticus

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Questions for Study and Group Discussion

1. How many people have read through Leviticus before this "365 Series" - either parts of it, or the whole thing?
For everyone who has spent any time in Leviticus, describe how it went. What has been your experience with Leviticus over these last few days of reading it as part of 365?
2. The book of Leviticus emphasizes God's holiness - that's a dominant theme throughout the book. Without looking any further ahead on this sheet, how would you define the word "holy"?
3. Biblical scholars note that the word holy means "set apart" and "distinct" - and it's closely associated with the ideas of moral purity and righteousness. To get a sense of what's intended, read Habakkuk 1:13 and 1 Peter 1:14-15. Does this add anything to how you understand God's holiness?
4. Is "holy" a word that quickly comes to mind when you think about God? Why is including this word in our understanding of God so important?
5. Not only is God holy, all of humanity is sinful. Why is this a problem?
6. The question Leviticus asks is this: How can a sinful people live in a right relationship with a holy God? What answer does Leviticus give?
7. Read the following passages together: John 1:29; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 9:24-28 (esp. v. 26). When we read these passages in light of the message of Leviticus, how do they help us better understand the meaning and magnitude of Christ's work for us?
8. Leviticus 19:2 tells all God's people to "Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy" (see also 1 Peter 1:14-15). What are some ways followers of Jesus should live holy, distinct lives today?
9. With any remaining time you may have left, check in on how everyone's experience with this "365 Series" is going. Here are a few questions you may want to ask:
 - What are people learning about how to read the Bible well?
 - What "big takeaways" are sticking in the front of your mind, from what you've read so far?
 - How can this Community Group keep encouraging everyone involved in the group to stay engaged in the reading?