

Sermon Based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 1, 2026

Icebreaker Questions

- What's something in life where doing it "your own way" backfired?
- What's something you once took casually but later realized was serious?
- Who taught you the importance of doing things the right way?

Sermon Summary

(If you missed this week's sermon, it's always available by noon on Monday on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@horizoncommunitychurch>)

Our sermon this week from Leviticus 10 warns against approaching a holy God casually or on our own terms, using the story of Nadab and Abihu's "unauthorized fire" as a sobering example of willful disobedience. God had clearly provided a gracious and protective way for worship, but these priests substituted God's commands with their own preferences, revealing that the real issue was authority, not sincerity. The message emphasized that obedience is not optional because God is holy, and when we blend God's truth with personal comfort or culture, we end up creating a god in our own image. True worship requires reverence, awe, and submission, recognizing that God is not editable and must be honored as He has revealed Himself. In His mercy, God has made the way to Himself clear—through Jesus Christ alone—and we are called to come to Him with obedience, humility, and restored awe.

Opening Prayer

Briefly pray and invite the Lord into your conversations to bring wisdom and insight to His Word. Pray around the theme for the sermon/discussion.

Primary Passages of Scripture

Read Leviticus 10:1–3, Proverbs 3:1–2, Hebrews 12:28–29, Matthew 11:28, John 14:6

Discussion Questions

- What does this passage teach us about God's holiness?
- How can sincerity in worship still miss the mark without obedience?
- How does the idea that "judgment begins in the house of God" challenge us today?
- In what ways does grace deepen awe rather than eliminate it?
- How can casual worship lead to casual faith and eventual disobedience?
- How do we guard against making God in our own image?
- What does it mean to approach God "on His terms" in daily life?
- Where might God be calling you to greater obedience right now?

Prayer

- Ask: "How can we pray for you this week?"
- Assign each request to a group member to ensure everyone is prayed for during the prayer time.
- Assign someone to open in prayer and someone to close in prayer.

Closing