

Small Group News

Weekend services will be **ONLINE ONLY** (sunrisechurch.org)

English: Sat 5pm; Sun 9am-11am-5pm

Spanish: Sun 9am & 11am

Prayer: Easter; Our Community; Wisdom for Leaders; National Healing

Revisita Small Group Questions

For week of March 29th, 2020

Make Room (Part 5)

Exodus 28; Leviticus 16

INTRODUCTION

Throughout the month of March, the teaching series will focus on the Tabernacle described in the Old Testament as Moses was leading God's people from slavery to the land promised to them by God. The series will explore the reasons for the Tabernacle and focus on how each of those details pointed to the coming Messiah, Jesus. As we build toward Easter, we will ask the question, "Will you make room for Jesus?"

The focus of the week: **The Priests & The Day of Atonement**

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. Now that we are weeks into COVID-19 Pandemic: Share one thing that's been better for you. What's been worse? What do you miss the most (besides going to church)?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. A Priest in the Old Testament was a full-time job. Every detail from their attire to their sacrifices meant something to the nation. Are there other priests mentioned elsewhere?

Read: Hebrews 4:14-16

In what ways is Jesus our high priest? What is your reaction to reading that Jesus was tempted just like you? Why is it important to know that Jesus, while tempted, never sinned? In what ways have you drawn near to God in time of need? How has He helped you?

Read: 1 Peter 2:4-6; Colossians 3:12-15

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Peter states that any who “come to [Jesus]” are priests, how do you feel about that? Give examples of “spiritual” sacrifices we can make. What does Paul say are our priestly garments (Colossians)? Which “garments” are hardest for you?

2. The primary responsibility for an Old Testament Priest was to be a bridge between people and God. Since current believers are Priests, how do we build bridges today?

Read: 1 Peter 3:15; Matthew 5:13-16

What is your hope? How would you answer someone who asked you to give the reason for the hope within you? In what ways have you been salt and light for others? Share specific examples of “good works” you can do to help lead others to glorify God given the circumstances we face today?

Read: John 2

Why do you think Jesus cleared out the temple (assuming its purpose was to build bridges for people to come to God)? Based on what you have learned about the Tabernacle, what do you think was Jesus’ “zeal” for the Temple (which was a permanent version of the Tabernacle)? How does that help you in understanding the purpose for the church today?

TAKING IT HOME

Hold a family meeting this week. Discuss with everyone living in your home ways you can be priests for each other, your neighbors, your co-workers, and your schools. Given the social climate due to the virus, how can you be salt and light? Write down some ideas and then pray over them. Pick one to try out this week.

With Easter approaching, we may not be able to invite people to a physical gathering this year, but we can still share the story of Jesus’ love with our communities. Consider practical ways (like helping someone with the trash cans) as well as acts of kindness. Pray as a family for boldness, creativity, and open doors to share with others the hope inside of you with “gentleness and respect.”

Be prepared to share results with your group next week during the “My Story” time.

GROUP PRAYER



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