



## THE LEVITICUS SERIES "GOD IN SEARCH OF US"

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*These questions are designed to help lead your group through a progression of engagement with the Bible passage(s) and the speaker's message. They can help you understand and apply the teaching.*

### BIBLICAL TEXT(S) + MESSAGE SUMMARY: LEVITICUS 1:1-9 + 17:11, GEN. 3:21, JOHN 1:29, HEB. 10:1 + 11-12

Pastor Brad opened up this series on Leviticus by setting the scene. He answered questions that people often ask of this ancient text. It was both challenging and engaging, as he made the case that God is in search of us, not the other way around. The rituals that feel distant and confusing are actually very relatable and deeply meaningful in relation to our everyday life, when properly understood in light of God's pursuit of a unique relationship with a special people.

By the end of the sermon, the listener is challenged to ask, "Where is my hope?" And the beauty of the Bible is that the answer is not found in ourselves. It is found in its pages, even Leviticus, which point us to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

**LEAN IN:** *These are icebreakers and warm ups, mostly to get the group talking and start the flow of conversation. Choose one and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.*

1. What example or story stood out to you in Sunday's sermon? Why was it significant to you?
2. What was your high/low for this past week (or since the group last met)? What was the best thing that happened and the worst thing that happened?
3. What was unexpected you had to the sermon? How did you respond to the imagery used in the book of Leviticus?
4. What feels mundane to you in the course of a week? What tasks are you required to complete that you wish could pause for awhile?

**LOOK DOWN:** *These are questions about the Bible passage(s) and observations about what's been read. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. What did Brad mention about symbols, why are they important to the author of Leviticus?
2. What is significant about the first two verses in this book?
3. *Corban* means both "offering" and to "draw near," why is that significant in this first chapter?
4. What parts of the text dealt with the concepts of clean and unclean?
5. Why does God call his people to exchange an animal's life for the atonement of their sin?

**LOOK OUT:** *These questions help connect the world of the Bible to today. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. What parts of our society are most influenced by symbols?
2. Why do you think people feel they must find God, rather than the other way around?

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3. What parts of life today do you think are clean? What parts are unclean in your view? How do you think God feels about that?
4. How do you think most people feel about giving things up to get what they want?
5. Do most people you know live like they have hope?

**LOOK IN:** *These are questions that help you consider how to apply the teaching personally. Spend about 15-20 minutes on three questions max.*

1. How are you influenced by imagery and symbols? Recall movies, books, or other influences that have changed the way you think.
2. Do you believe you must find God, or that he wants to find you? Or...?
3. Do you engage readily with the messy “unclean” parts of life, or do you try to avoid those things, staying “clean”? What’s that whole process look and feel like for you?
4. What have you given up to find hope and wholeness?
5. What parts of your life are filled with hope? What is one part that might not be?

**LIVE IT OUT:** *These action steps help apply this week’s message to day to day life. Choose one question and talk it over for 5-10 minutes.*

1. How can you challenge yourself to lean on Jesus this week, understanding that he is our source of hope and salvation?
2. Who might you talk with about this beautiful reality?

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