



THE LEVITICUS SERIES "SHOW ME THE MINHAH"

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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 2:1-16, JUDGES 3:15, DEUT. 26:9, 1 SAMUEL 10:1, NUMBERS 18:19, HEBREWS 4:15, AND ISAIAH 53:7-10

In the second week of the Leviticus series, Pastor Brad takes us a little deeper into the details of approaching God and much care the Lord lavishes on his relationship with us. Throughout this series we are looking at rites and rituals of purification. We'll also examine the instructions given to the ancient Hebrews. This week we look at the grain offering explained in Leviticus 2. The word for grain is *minhah*, which we learn has a few different meanings.

More than anything, reading this passage shows us that God cares deeply about our relationship and wants us to be confident of who we are in Christ.

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's on the menu this week for meals? Do you and the people you live with plan for the week or take each day as it comes?
2. What was the last thing you baked?
3. What was the most delicious meal you've ever had? Was it made for you? Were you a part of the cooking/baking process?
4. Did you take a chance last week to lean into Jesus in a new or nostalgic way? If so, how was that?

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 do you notice about how specific God is in Leviticus 2:1-16 when he describes the ingredients and their preparation? How many different ways are there to prepare the ingredients?
2. What do we learn about the spirit of God when we read Leviticus 2:1-16?
3. Who are the characters described, or what roles are being fulfilled during the grain offering? Where do you find yourself in the story and who might those characters be similar to now?
4. The sacrifice in Leviticus chapter 2 is a grain offering. In part, it means submission. What were the ancient Hebrews confessing to God in this particular form of submission?
5. What are the three types of *minhah* you can identify by reading Judges 3:15 and Deuteronomy 26:9?

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

1. What does it say about the character of God that God would choose to use things familiar to us to teach us? Where do you see God using things from our culture to speak to us?
2. Leviticus was written primarily as an instruction manual for priests, rather than a book to be read, like the Genesis or Exodus for example. How do you think God might use language today if He were to instructs people about a relationship with Him now?
3. What language do we use every to describe moments where we behold, or encounter, God?
4. Do you have any recent stories of people who have exemplified approaching God with confidence?
5. Where in our world do you see a lower standard is acceptable? Where do we simply accept things as good enough when we should expect the very best?

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. What “ingredients” do you see in yourself that are making your life what it is now?
2. How are you already submitting to God? Are there any other practices and postures that you already engage in which can be made holy by simply submitting them to God? If so, what are they?
3. Think back to a time in your life when you felt a sense of complete acceptance and purity. Maybe it was a time when you felt free and full of life. Or, it might have been a time when you anticipated things to go terribly wrong but everything fell together in the end and you could walk away with a sense of pride and peace. What was that like?
4. What is “salt” in your life? Describe any spiritual disciplines and practices that help nurture your relationship with God.
5. Which of the passages this week resonates most with you, and can you make a simple, repetitive prayer to repeat this week? Try something like, “I submit this day to You” or “Show me the honey and leaven in my life”.

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. What are three ways you can incorporate the concept of *minhah* this week, finding an area for each of these forms of submission: tithing (generosity), tribute (reverence), and thanksgiving (gratitude)?
2. Are there things that seem sweet and helpful, but in reality enable you to do things on your own rather than lean into Jesus?
3. Make a “salt covenant” with God. Take this week to reset with God, and submit to all the love and grace He offers you.