

GOD IN SEARCH OF
LEVITICUS

LEVITICUS, WEEK 4
“ORDINARILY EXTRAORDINARY”

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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 8:1-12, 23, 30; HEBREWS 5:1-3, 7:28; 1 PETER 2:9

This week in Leviticus, Moses anoints Aaron and his sons as priests in a public ceremony before the entire congregation of Israel. It's a surreal scene that involves a public bath, bloody animal sacrifice, and exotic blood-spattered clothing. Could it feel more foreign and gross?

However, what this mysterious and ancient rite signifies is that God has revealed his holiness to all people — that an extraordinary priesthood is made up of ordinary people. What was true of them is still true of us today. We ordinary people are invited into Jesus' royal priesthood. When He anoints our ears with His word, our hands with His compassionate power, and our feet with His mission, we are equipped to carry on His work. We “priests” get to share the Good News that Jesus was sacrificed for us, and is alive. He gave His life so our lives might be free of sin and death. As a result, we are a significantly, supernaturally, and empowered people. We are extraordinarily ordinary priests.

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. Does anyone have a cultural heritage where you participate in a ceremony with specific regalia or other forms of clothing?
2. Has anyone ever performed in a talent show? If so, what was your talent and can you do it for us now?
3. When was the last time you were abundantly generous? Completely overjoyed?
4. When was the last time you showered?
5. In the previous study we talked about guilt and shame - that we are not meant to be living a life defined by those things. Who, if anyone, did you share this good news of freedom with?

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. In Leviticus 8:4-5, God commanded Moses to gather all the people. What does God seem to be showing us is significant in having all the people around?
2. In the same way the people watched the priest do in front them what they will do in front of the priest 8:13-14. Can you think of things Jesus did that were also an example to us of how we're supposed to live? Share some examples of Jesus telling us to do things that He did.
3. If you can't think of a Biblical example, where in you life whether it's friends, family, co-workers, has someone lead you by example?
4. In 1 Peter 2:9, Peter tells us “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood.” How is this true, or not, about you?

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5. In Leviticus 8:6, Moses washed Aaron and his brothers from head-to-toe. Read John 13. What connections do you find between Moses and when Jesus washed the disciples feet?

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

1. Where have you seen people try to help someone but they weren't able because they needed healing first?
1. The second part Moses anointed on Aaron was his right thumb. The significance of this location is to anoint both the work and the worship of the priest. What is the relationship between work and worship in our society today?
2. Can you think of another revolutionary time where someone in an authority position revealed what was hidden and it caused a shift in the culture that transformed people's hearts for the good? This could be in your personal or professional life, or society as a whole.
4. Has anyone in your life "made the first move" when it comes to vulnerability? What did you value about that extension?
5. Where do you see people pointing others to the sacrifice?

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 makes you feel ordinary or weak? Share how you might submit those things to God as a sacrifice knowing that this is where God is strengthening you.
2. What is your "weakness" that God can use? Do you believe God will use you?
3. What gift(s) do you believe God has given you? You can identify these as tools that help you share the gospel with people; gifts like wisdom, understanding, faith, discernment, healing, or prophesy.
4. Has God ever asked you to do things that, at the time, didn't exactly make sense?
5. How has your heart been transformed by the message of these passages?

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. Practice Aaron's anointing: listen to God (ear), serve God (thumb), and live for God (toe).
2. This week, try to be a "priest", the person who reveal Jesus to others.
3. Devote an hour to ask God what sin you have in your life. You might need to confess these to someone, or reach out and ask for forgiveness of others.