

GOD IN SEARCH OF
LEVITICUS

LEVITICUS, WEEK 5
“AND GOD SHOWED UP”

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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 9:1-18; 23-24; EXODUS 19:10-11; NEHEMIAH 8:1-6; ACTS 2:1-4; HEBREWS 10:24-25; 1 SAMUEL 15:22; 1 JOHN 2:3; 1 JOHN 3:23; 1 JOHN 5:3; ISAIAH 64:1-4

In Leviticus 9, we read about something unique. God tells the Israelites to make a specific sacrifice in a specific way so that God will reveal his glory to them in a powerful manner. As Pastor Brad examines this passage in the light of the rest of scripture, he demonstrates three truths about God “showing up.” A gathered faith community is often where God chooses to reveal his glory in unique ways. There is a relationship between our obedience to God and his revelation of himself to us. Finally, God often shows up when we’re waiting for him with expectancy, a combination of our desire to experience his glory and our confidence that God does, in fact, want to “show up.” These principles held true for the nation of Israel in Leviticus and they are still true for us today.

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 a new habit that you've made in the last year (good or bad)?
2. Are you an introvert or extrovert? How do you know?
3. What are really excited about that's coming up in the next month?
4. What was your high/low for this past week (or since our group last met)? What was the best thing that happened and the worst thing that happened?

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 4:1-6, what reason does Moses give for why the people should offer these particular sacrifices? How do Aaron and his sons respond in the following verses of that chapter? What happens after the sacrifices are presented?
2. Read Exodus 19:10-11, Nehemiah 8:1-6 and Acts 2:1-4? What do these occasions have in common? How are they different? What do you learn about how/where/when God reveals his glory? What do you learn about the importance of Christian community from Hebrews 10:24-25? How do you think this relates to how/when/where God reveals his glory?
3. Summarize 1 Samuel 15:22 in your own words. What is the message of this passage?
4. What do you learn about obedience from 1 John 2:3, 1 John 3:23, and 1 John 5:3?
5. What emotions do you pick up on in Isaiah 64:1-4? What do you learn about the revelation of God's glory from this passage?

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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. As Pastor Brad pointed out in his sermon, God is always with us. What do you think people mean when they say, “God showed up”?
2. What are examples of God “showing up” in your own life, in the lives of those you know, or in history? After you’ve listed a few examples, think about what they have in common (both with each other and with biblical examples) and how are they different?
3. Why do you think it’s important for Christians to gather regularly? What unique things have you seen happen when they do? What excuses do people give for not gathering? What do you think of those? Are they valid, and why or why not?
4. The message claimed a relationship between obedience to God and an awareness of his presence. How might people misunderstand this? How have you seen this to be true or false in among people you know?
5. Pastor Brad claimed that God shows up when we live with expectancy. Has this been true in your experience? Why or why not? What do you think it might look like to live with expectancy?

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 has God “shown up” in your life? How do you want or need him to show up for you now? What have you learned or been reminded of in this sermon and these passages about God’s presence in your life?
2. What has been going on in your life when God has revealed his glory to you? Has it been similar or different to the other examples we’ve looked at in these passages and throughout this discussion?
3. How important is community to you? How has this message encouraged or challenged you? Are there any changes you want to make as a result?
4. What is your motivation for obeying God, or not obeying? How aware have you been lately of God’s presence? Have you thought about the relationship between these two things before?
5. Do you think you are living your life with expectancy? Why or why not? What would it look like to live a life with a greater anticipation of how God wants to “show up” for you?

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. If you have been wanting God to show up in your life, share this desire with a friend, family member, or small group member. Also, think through what’s one thing from this week’s discussion that you can implement in your life to express your expectancy for God’s presence?
2. Are you looking for community? Struggling to get involved? Commit to doing one thing this week to get plugged in with people. If you

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would like to be more connected at B4, make sure to check out <https://www.b4church.org/adults/> for some ways to do so.

3. Have you been overly legalistic about obedience to God? Maybe your motivation for obedience has not been in line with God's heart for you. Are you struggling to obey him? Maybe you're not sure what it looks like to obey or you're not sure how. Present your struggles to the Lord this week daily and prayer. Leave yourself space each day just to sit in silence and listen and see if he has anything to say to you.