



# GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

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## LEVITICUS

# 16

“THUS HE SHALL MAKE ATONEMENT FOR THE HOLY PLACE, BECAUSE OF THE UNCLEANNESSES OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL AND BECAUSE OF THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS, ALL THEIR SINS.” -LEVITICUS 16:16

### FROM THE TEXT

- THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS SHOWS US HOW SINFUL, IMPERFECT PEOPLE (ISRAEL) CAN LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF A HOLY GOD WITHOUT DYING. DISCUSS HOW A BOOK ABOUT RITUALS, THE PRIESTHOOD, AND PURITY LAWS TEACHES US ABOUT GOD’S HOLINESS.
- LEVITICUS 16 GIVES INSTRUCTION ON HOW AARON IS TO ENTER THE HOLY PLACE. THIS IS CONTRASTED WITH HIS TWO SONS WHO DREW NEAR TO THE LORD WITH UNAUTHORIZED OFFERINGS AND WERE CONSUMED BY FIRE (LEVITICUS 10). WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS DETAILED PROCESS FOR AARON TO BE ABLE TO ENTER THE HOLY PLACE?
- READ LEVITICUS 16:29-34. WHAT STANDS OUT ABOUT THIS ATONEMENT? IS THIS A LASTING ATONEMENT TO MAKE ISRAEL HOLY BEFORE GOD?

### FROM THE SERMON

- ON SUNDAY, CHRIS DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DAY OF ATONEMENT (YOM KIPPUR) FOR JEWISH PEOPLE. HOW DOES THIS OLD TESTAMENT DAY AND THE INCLUDED CEREMONY POINT TO TODAY’S GOOD FRIDAY?
- PASTOR CHRIS SHARED THE PURPOSES OF THE TWO GOATS IN LEVITICUS 16. ONE GOAT IS A SACRIFICE AND SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PEOPLE. THE OTHER GOAT IS THE SCAPEGOAT FOR THE PEOPLE’S SINS TO BE TAKEN AWAY. DISCUSS THE NEED FOR BOTH OF THESE PURPOSES IN YOUR LIFE TODAY.
- WHAT IS THE PROBLEM WITH THE DAY OF ATONEMENT? WHERE DOES IT COME SHORT? READ AND DISCUSS HEBREWS 10:1-4.

### FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- GOOD FRIDAY REPRESENTS A “SECOND” DAY OF ATONEMENT - THE BETTER AND COMPLETE DAY OF ATONEMENT. WHAT DOES GOOD FRIDAY MEAN IN YOUR LIFE? WHAT CAN YOU TAKE AWAY FROM THE DAY OF ATONEMENT AND APPLY IN YOUR LIFE?
- WHAT DOES THE HOLINESS OF GOD AND THE PROCESS REQUIRED FOR THE HIGH PRIEST TO ENTER THE HOLY PLACE MEAN FOR US TODAY? DISCUSS WHAT DRAWING NEAR TO GOD LOOKS LIKE FOR YOU. CONSIDER HEBREWS 10:19.
- DISCUSS HOW YOU RESPOND TO GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER. WHAT DOES CELEBRATING THESE DAYS EACH YEAR MEAN TO YOU?

### PRAYER FOCUS

PRAY THAT YOU WOULD EMBRACE CHRIST’S SACRIFICE AND YOUR EYES WOULD BE OPEN TO OUR NEED FOR ATONEMENT. THANK GOD THAT WE HAVE AN EVERLASTING DAY OF ATONEMENT FOUND AT THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS CHRIST. PRAISE GOD FOR THE RESURRECTED KING OF THE WORLD. FOR OUR RISEN SAVIOR WHO DIED THAT WE MIGHT LIVE.