

LEVITICUS



DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Each week during this Leviticus series, small groups will be studying a New Testament passage that corresponds with the Levitical theme covered. Rather than digging into the Leviticus text as a small group, we want to focus our attention on how Jesus has fulfilled the different aspects of the law and Old Testament.

Please consider using the following condensed Discovery Bible Study Method as a tool to help guide discussion!

WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1 Leviticus Series Overview

Week 2 5 Major Offerings (1-7, 22)

Week 3 The Role of Priests (8-10)

Week 4 Cleanliness & Holiness (11-15, 18-21)

Week 5 The Day of Atonement (16-17)

Week 6 Feasts & Rhythms (23)

Week 7 Redemption & the Year of Jubilee (25)

Week 8 Oil & Bread (24)

Week 9 Obedience & Disobedience (26)

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY METHOD

Share

Give each group member the opportunity to briefly share what they're grateful for, what they're feeling stressed about, and an update on their "I will" statement from the prior week's discussion. Pray together to begin this week's passage.

Read & Retell

Read the indicated NT passage out loud from two different translations. Invite someone to then retell the story and allow others to fill in what's missing.

Observe & Discuss

As a group, take time to share what this passage tells us about: God, Jesus or His Plan, and People.

Supplemental Discussion

Use the supplemental questions as needed to help connect this NT passage with the Levitical theme covered during the Sunday worship gathering.

Pray & Reflect

Pray silently, seeking the Holy Spirit to reveal to you:

- Who needs to hear this story?
- If this is God's Word for my life, how will I obey it?
- Write down a statement that expresses your obedience to the scripture passage. "I will _____."
- Share that statement with the group, then close with prayer.

JUNE 1

LEVITICUS SERIES OVERVIEW

Discovery Bible Passage: Matthew 5:17-20

- How do Jesus's words bring meaning and life to the stories of the Old Testament?
 - Why are the commands of God throughout scripture still valuable today?
 - How does Jesus embody the glory of God similarly to and differently from the tabernacle?
 - When you consider the intentionality of God to pursue His people throughout scripture and today, what feelings come to mind?
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JUNE 8

5 MAJOR OFFERINGS: LEVITICUS 1–7, 22

Discovery Bible Passage: Romans 11:33-12:2

- How are offerings and sacrifices similar? How are they different?
 - How has Christ's life, death, and resurrection changed the offering and sacrifice God requires of us now?
 - How does the magnitude (Romans 11:33-36) and mercy (Romans 12:1) of God shape your view of this calling (Romans 12:1-2) for your life?
 - Do you think our calling is easier, harder, or the same as that of ancient Israel? Why?
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JUNE 15

THE ROLE OF PRIESTS: LEVITICUS 8–10

Discovery Bible Passage: Hebrews 7:23-28

- In the OT, the priests and sacrifices were never the same person/animal. They were always distinct from each other. Why was Jesus's role as high priest necessary to accompany his role as the sacrifice?
- What are some of the key characteristics of Jesus that set Him apart as the distinct Great High Priest?
- How is Jesus still interceding for us today?

JUNE 22

CLEANLINESS & HOLINESS: LEVITICUS 11–15, 18–21

Discovery Bible Passage: Mark 5:24-34

- What stories from scripture come to mind when you think about Jesus interacting with unclean things/people?
 - Open those stories and take time to read them & process the significance of Jesus's work in that story.
 - How is God calling you into holiness (set apart) and cleanliness (purified) today? In what ways do you need Jesus to make it happen?
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JUNE 29

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT: LEVITICUS 16–17

Discovery Bible Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

- What depths/mysteries of Christ's reconciling work are hard for you to grasp?
 - How does our reconciliation with God change our view of and interaction with others?
 - Share something about Christ's reconciliation invitation that strikes you as beautiful and leads you to gratitude.
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JULY 6

FEASTS & RHYTHMS: LEVITICUS 23

Discovery Bible Passage: Matthew 12:1-13

- What is the purpose of the sabbath & other rhythms for us today?
- In what ways are sabbaths, feasts, & rhythms still important? How can they be abused?
- Share practical rhythms that help you live out the "with Jesus" abundant life that he calls each of us into.

JULY 13

REDEMPTION & THE YEAR OF JUBILEE: LEVITICUS 25

Discovery Bible Passage: Luke 4:14-21

- What aspects of the OT Year of Jubilee do we see fulfilled in the gospel story of Jesus?
 - How is Christ's invitation good news to the poor, broken, and oppressed?
 - Why was Jesus's claim in Luke 4 so offensive and counter-cultural?
 - How is Christ calling you to live out the Jubilee principles?
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JULY 20

OIL & BREAD: LEVITICUS 24

Discovery Bible Passage: John 6:48-51 & 8:12

- How do these two "I am" statements relate back to the elements of the Tabernacle?
 - What makes Christ's "living bread" different from all other breads consumed in Jewish history?
 - What does it mean that Jesus is the light of the world, and why is that important to understand the gospel proclamation and story?
 - Oil was used not only to light lamps but also to anoint kings. What other stories of Jesus involve oil, and how do those stories help us see the truth of Jesus more clearly?
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JULY 27

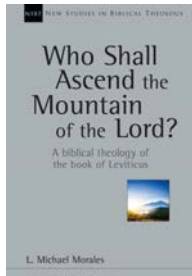
OBEDIENCE & DISOBEDIENCE: LEVITICUS 26

Discovery Bible Passage: John 14:15-21

- Why is obedience such an important part of the great commission in Matthew 28:18-20?
- Why does Jesus still call us to obedience to his commands today?
- How do you manage the tension that not all obedience leads directly to immediate blessing, and not all disobedience leads to perceivable consequences?
- What have been some of the biggest takeaways for you from this series?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR STUDYING LEVITICUS

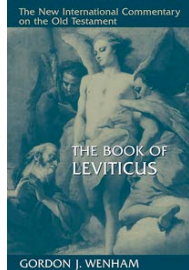
As we journey through the book of Leviticus together thematically, we recognize that some may want to explore its depth and significance of the text even further. For those interested in going beyond our series, we highly recommend the following three resources. Each of these books offers unique insights into Leviticus's theology, structure, and its relevance for today. Whether you're a seasoned student of Scripture or just beginning to explore its intricacies, these works will enrich your understanding and appreciation of this often-overlooked book.



Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord?

L. Michael Morales

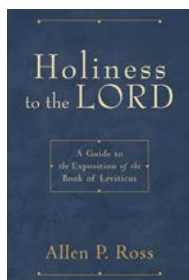
This theological masterpiece explores Leviticus not just as a book of laws, but as a pathway to communion with God. Morales presents Leviticus within the larger biblical narrative, showing how the themes of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration are interwoven throughout. His central thesis—that Leviticus is about drawing near to God through worship and atonement—makes this work both profound and accessible. It's especially valuable for readers seeking to understand the book's purpose in the context of the entire Bible.



The Book of Leviticus

Gordon J. Wenham

Wenham's commentary is widely regarded as one of the most insightful and readable academic treatments of Leviticus. Part of the New International Commentary on the Old Testament series, this book balances rigorous scholarship with clarity. Wenham's attention to detail and historical context helps readers appreciate the structure and function of the laws in ancient Israel. This resource is perfect for those who want a deeper dive into the textual and cultural background of Leviticus.



Holiness to the Lord

Allen P. Ross

Ross provides a comprehensive and pastoral look at the theology of Leviticus. Written with both scholars and pastors in mind, this book emphasizes the relevance of Leviticus for Christian life and worship today. Ross highlights how the book's call to holiness is not just about ritual, but about relationship with a holy God. His clear, devotional tone makes this resource particularly helpful for teachers and leaders applying Leviticus to contemporary faith communities.