



# LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Encounter*

Scripture: *Leviticus*

Date: June 22 & 23, 2019

Message: *Surrendering to*

*God*

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## —[ LET'S START ]—

We are almost done with our sermon series, *Encounter*, where we have taken a look how the Old Testament Tabernacle points us to Jesus. What is one thing that you have learned in this series that you are going to take with you the rest of your life?

## —[ LET'S TALK ]—

1. **GRATITUDE AND PRAYER:** What happened last week for which you are thankful? What challenges do you see in your life? Your family? The World? As a group, take some time to pray. Thank God for the beautiful ways that He has been at work, and pray about the challenges that those in your group are currently facing.
2. Pastor Dale talked about what he thought holiness was all about when he was a child. Like many of us, Dale had a list of "dos and don'ts" that he tried to follow. How would you define holiness today?
3. Leviticus 11:44, 45 is the key passage in the book of Leviticus. Take a moment to read this passage. How can we be holy, like God is holy?
4. Read Galatians 3:19-22. What does Paul tell us is the reason that the law was given?  
  
How does an awareness of your sin impact the way that you live your life? Why was it important to God that we be aware of our sin? Do you think it's possible to live your life completely unaware of your sin?
5. Pastor Dale mentioned that he has been reading Ezekiel in his personal morning time with God. In Chapter 47 Ezekiel has a strange vision that involved the Temple. In it, a stream of water leaves the temple and forms a deep river that enters the wilderness where it eventually flows into the Dead Sea. Wherever the river flows it leaves behind a lush Garden of Eden environment, including turning the Dead Sea into a fresh lake filled with life. What do you think is the point of that vision? How does that vision relate to our lives?
6. Tim Keller says, "Religion stresses holiness over grace. Irreligion stresses freedom over holiness. Christianity is freedom through Grace that leads to holiness...To be holy is to wholly belong to God." How does Keller's quote correlate to 1 Corinthians 1:30?

—[ LET'S ACT ]—

God has told His people to be holy as He is holy. Is there something in your life that you are holding back from God? How can we as a group support each other in living holy lives in this generation? Find a partner that you can share the areas of struggle that you have as it relates to holiness. Commit to pray for each other this week. Check in with your partner before the week is through.

—[ SERMON REVIEW ]—

- Being close to God all comes down to one word: Holiness!
- Leviticus is all about being holy enough to be in God's presence.
- Leviticus address the problem of how a God who is holy be approached by sinful people.
- Ritual Sacrifices (1-7)
  - Grain Offerings and Fellowship Offerings were made to thank God.
  - Burnt, Purification and Restitution Offerings were made to confess to God.
- Ritual Feasts (23-25)
  - There were seven Ritual Feasts which were observed.
  - These feasts celebrated the various ways in which God had blessed, provided, rescued and covered His peoples' sins.
- Priests Ordained (8-10)
- Priestly Qualifications (21-22)
- Ritual Purity (11-15)
  - Impurity = Conditions + Don't Touch + Don't Taste
- Moral Purity (18-20)
  - Care For The Poor + Sexual Integrity + Social Justice
- Day of Atonement (16-17)
- Call to Covenantal Faithfulness (26-27)
  - Obedience = Peace and Abundance
  - Disobedience = Disaster and Exile
- ↑ is the book of Leviticus.
- Leviticus' key passage is Lev. 11:44, 45. To be close to God you have to become like God! Following all these instructions in the book of Leviticus doesn't make a person like God.
- The law shows us our sinfulness and our need for someone to cover our sins. God shows up to do that in the person of Jesus Christ.
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—[ NOTES ]—

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