

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Leviticus Wrap-Up  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Interested in leading your own small group?** Ask your Small Group Leader about being an Apprentice. Or contact Carolyn York at 619.226.7625 x247 or [carolyn@therocksandiego.org](mailto:carolyn@therocksandiego.org).
- **Small Group Essentials Training, Part II** – Saturday, May 20, 8-11:30 AM, includes breakfast. Topics to be discussed are Leading Difficult People, Effective Conflict and Confrontation, Leadership 101 – How Leadership Works, and Raising Up the Next Generation of Leaders. RSVP by May 12 to [andrew@therocksandiego.org](mailto:andrew@therocksandiego.org) or 619.226.7625 x242.
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What we see throughout the Bible is God's desire to be in relationship with His people. In Genesis we read that we broke that relationship with Him and yet He still pursued us through men like Noah, Abraham, Moses and Joseph. Later in Exodus we see that God reestablishes His people and leads them out of Egypt.

Then we come to Leviticus. Leviticus is one long "DTR." Have you ever heard of a DTR? It stands for Define The Relationship, and that's what God did in Leviticus. He made it really clear for us how we could have relationship with Him. Pastor Miles preached that God was setting His people aside for a divine purpose and the core of that divine purpose is our relationship with him.

That's what we'd like to focus you back on this week. Look back at Leviticus and think about that relationship God wants with you.

### Getting Started - "Reflect"

1. How does it feel to be pursued relationally by someone? Whether it is romantic, a friendship, or a family member, how does it feel when you think about someone wanting a relationship with you?
2. God wants a relationship with you. Let's talk about that relationship for a minute. What do the following verses tell you about God's heart for you?
  - ◆ Jeremiah 29:11-13
  - ◆ Romans 8:31-39
  - ◆ Psalm 139:13-16
  - ◆ 2 Corinthians 6:17-18
  - ◆ Psalm 68:4-6

3. Stop here for a moment and really contemplate this. God *wants* a relationship with you. Sometimes we take that for granted and miss how extraordinary that is. The God who created the universe desires you and is actively seeking you. One author says, “The heart of the Father is to have you.” How does that make you feel when you think about being pursued by the God of the universe?

### **Digging Deeper - “Revisit”**

4. There are plenty of things that hinder our relationships. The assumption of Leviticus is that there are things that get in our way of relating to God. What are some of the things preventing us from having the deep relationship with God that we were created for?

#### **Mark 4:13-20**

- ♦ V. 16-17- What do you think it means to have “no root” when it comes to one’s relationship with God? What happens to our relationship with God when we have no roots?
  - ♦ V. 18-19- What kinds of things fall into the categories of, “...the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things?”
  - ♦ **Jeremiah 1:15-17**- What are some of the things we are prone to elevate above God in our lives today? What problem did God have with His people in this passage?
  - ♦ **Jeremiah 2:23-24**- The author uses a powerful metaphor describing someone who is not pursuing a relationship with God. What is the author getting at? How does this metaphor apply to 21<sup>st</sup> century Americans?
  - ♦ **Galatians 3:1-5**- How can the practice of our faith get in the way of our relationship with God? Is it possible to earn a relationship with God? What’s the problem with trying to earn one?
5. Leviticus tells us how to walk with God. And walking with God changes us! How did experiencing God change the men below? Who were these men before and after relationship with God?

**Moses**- Exodus 2:11-12, Exodus 3:1-22

Before-\_\_\_\_\_ After-\_\_\_\_\_

**Peter**- Mark 14:29-31, 66-72; John 21:1-22

Before-\_\_\_\_\_ After-\_\_\_\_\_

**Paul**- Acts 26:14-18

Before-\_\_\_\_\_ After-\_\_\_\_\_

6. How can you spot someone who is in a relationship with God (someone set apart for God’s purpose)? What sets them apart? In other words, when someone is in relationship with God what do they look like?

### **Bringing it Home - “Recommit”**

Take a minute to consider what your relationship with God is like – and then dream about what you would like it to be. Pray to God for a moment and ask Him to give you a vision of the relationship with Him He desires you for. Ask Him to make His heart your own.

7. If you removed some of the barriers between you and God, what would your relationship with Him look like?
  
8. The major controlling metaphor for God in the Bible is “father.” God has the heart of a father for you and if the author is right, God’s heart is, “...to have you.” He deeply desires relationship with you. Are you compelled to make any life changes because of God’s desire for relationship with you?