

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever wondered how to approach God? Is that a struggle for you? Does He feel far away? Do you wonder if He's angry with you?
2. Leviticus is a book written to allow the sinful Israelites approach their holy God. They did this by offering sacrifices to atone for their sins (pay the price for their sins, make them clean, please God). These sacrifices were offered by priests who were holy men who would bring the sacrifices into God's presence for the people. Leviticus 9 is about the very first time the priests brought a sacrifice to God for the people.
3. Read Leviticus 9:22-10:20.
4. How did God show that the first sacrifice was accepted (9:22-24)?
5. How did the people respond?
6. What happened next (10:1-2)? Who sinned? What did they do? How did God respond?
7. Why did God respond this way (10:3)?
8. Why were Aaron and the two remaining sons not allowed to mourn (10:4-7)?
9. What does all this teach us about God? What does it teach us about ourselves? What does it teach us about sin? How do you feel about what it teaches us? What is your reaction to this God? Does He line up with the way you think of God? Why or why not?
10. What did Aaron and his sons do wrong after that (10:12-18)?
11. What was Aaron's reason (10:19-20)?
12. Aaron and his sons were supposed to be holy and bring the people's sacrifices to God (and teach them - see v 9-11). How much confidence do you have in them after reading this story? Why?
13. Why would God use a system that is dysfunctional right from the start?
14. Read Hebrews 4:14-16.
15. What do these verses tell us about Jesus? What kind of high priest is He? How should we respond?
16. How can we approach God with confidence? What allows us to do that?
17. What do you think about that? Does that make sense to you? Does it make you thankful? Are you skeptical? Why?
18. What would it look like for you to approach God with confidence this week?