



UPSTATE GROUP GUIDE

Through the Bible | *February 24-March 2* | *Leviticus 16*

Things to Know

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Studying God's Word *In Community*

*Reminder. Seek to understand and apply God's word, **not** rehash the sermon.*

Read

Read **Leviticus 16:1-34** and make observations about the text.

- What is God teaching us in the passage?
 - What does this reveal about who God is, what God has done, and how I should respond?
 - Which part of the text was most meaningful to you and why?
 - What do you need help understanding about this passage?
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Sermon Recap

- Leviticus can feel strange and distant, but it points to Christ. The civil and ceremonial laws were fulfilled in Jesus, while the moral laws remain because God's character does not change.
 - This chapter is the pinnacle of the Torah, showing how God provided atonement for sin through sacrifice, foreshadowing Christ's ultimate sacrifice.
 - Leviticus 16 reveals God's holiness through separation (man cannot approach freely), specificity (God determines how He is approached), and seriousness (improper approach results in death), emphasizing the need for reverence and the necessity of Christ's atonement.
 - The Day of Atonement is a shadow of the true substance to come. The shadow is the ceremony we read about in Leviticus 16. The substance is the cross of Christ where the true sacrifice died for our atonement.
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Discussion Questions

God's Holiness (Leviticus 16:2)

God warns Aaron not to enter the Most Holy Place whenever he chooses, emphasizing the seriousness of God's holiness.

- *Discussion:* Why is God's holiness so significant in this chapter? How does the restricted access to God's presence help us understand His nature?
- *Application:* How can we cultivate a greater reverence for God's holiness in our daily lives?

God's Mercy in Atonement (Leviticus 16:30)

On the Day of Atonement, God provides a way for the people's sins to be cleansed.

- *Discussion:* How does this act of mercy demonstrate God's heart toward His people?
- *Application:* How should knowing that God mercifully provides a way for our sin to be removed impact how we approach Him in prayer and repentance?

Substitutionary Atonement (Leviticus 16:21-22)

The scapegoat has the sins of the people placed on it and is sent away into the wilderness.

- *Discussion:* What does the act of the scapegoat teach us about the seriousness of sin and God's provision for dealing with it?
- *Application:* How does understanding that Jesus is our ultimate scapegoat change how we view our sin and God's grace? (See Hebrews 9:11-14)

Access to God's Presence through Christ (Leviticus 16:15; Hebrews 10:19-22)

The high priest enters the Most Holy Place with the blood of a sacrifice to make atonement.

- *Discussion:* Why was blood necessary for atonement, and how does this point to Jesus' sacrifice?
- *Application:* How does knowing that Jesus' blood gives us access to God's presence shape the way we pray, worship, and live?

Responding to God's Work of Atonement (Leviticus 16:29-31)

The people were called to humble themselves and rest on the Day of Atonement.

- *Discussion:* Why were the people commanded to practice humility and rest as part of this day?
- *Application:* How can we practice humble, faith-filled rest in the finished work of Jesus, our ultimate atonement?

Scripture

Leviticus 16:1-5

16 The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the Lord and died, **2** and the Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. **3** But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. **4** He shall put on the holy linen coat and shall have the linen undergarment on his body, and he shall tie the linen sash around his waist, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on. **5** And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Le 16:1–5.

Living on Mission In Community

Before you close the group, answer this question:

How is God leading me to respond to His Word this week?

God's holiness is such that no sin can dwell in his presence. That is the entire point of the Day of Atonement: someone must pay for sin if we are to dwell with God. Thankfully, we have a Great High Priest who has paid the price for our sins. The blood of Jesus Christ purifies those who trust in him. The most significant question in anyone's life is this: has Jesus washed away your sin? This week, be very intentional to press the necessity of salvation to your group. Does anyone need to run to Christ for the forgiveness of sin?

Furthermore, Christians should see this week as a reminder of the seriousness of sin. Challenge your group about the need for continual repentance in the Christian life. Does anyone need to repent of sin?

Optional Breakout Questions

Consider making time at the end of the group to break out into groups of 2-4 (keep them gender specific). Have them answer these three questions about their weeks:

1. How did you feed yourself?
 - *(What have you been doing to feed your spiritual life, and how is it going?)*
2. How did you feed others?
 - *(How did you share the gospel or gospel truth with someone this week?)*
3. How did you feed your flesh?
 - *(What sins did you struggle with this week? How can your friends hold you accountable?)*

Leader Resources

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