

Life Group Lessons for Week of 03-26-23

Sermon Title: The Price of Purification

Passage: Leviticus 4:1-5:13

Sermon Outline

Sin is a **bigger problem** than we have ever **realized**.

The Sin Sacrifice was a **picture** of **purification** that was provided...

- by the **guilty party**.
- in the **place** of **meeting**.
- for **protection** from **God's holiness**.
- at the **price** of a **life**.

Jesus **paid** the **price** of our **purification** so that we can become...

- more fully **human**.
- a true **temple**.
- like **God** in **holiness**.
- a **sacrifice** for **others**.

Small Group Questions

1. What is your favorite rainy day activity?
2. What does it mean to offer our bodies as living sacrifices? (Rom 12:1)

Discover the Way of Jesus.

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the scriptures that try to help us Discover the Way of Jesus in the text. And we can do this even when we are studying the Old Testament, even though at times, we will need to do some digging to discover what is different between then and now.)

3. This week we learned that one reason that God hates sin is because of what it does to the people he loves. How does that shape what we think about God and how should it affect what we think about sin?
4. The sacrifices were a bloody affair, but the "blood of bulls and goats" could never take away sins (Heb. 10:4), in what ways are Jesus' future atonement for sin pictured in the sacrifices (Heb 10:11-14)?

Nurture the Heart of Jesus

(This is the part of the study where we start asking: "How can I learn to love the things that Jesus loved?")

5. Jesus sacrificed his life to bring about a new life. What would it mean if you truly embraced the truth that Jesus forgave all of your sins and cleansed you of unrighteousness, once and for all time?
6. Jesus' sacrifice opened the way for us to become what God intended us to be. Discuss ways that we can practically live out what it means to be more fully human, a true temple, and like God in holiness.

Act for the sake of Others

(This is the part of the study that we ask, "What would God want us to do because of this passage?")

7. Jesus' love is pictured in his sacrificial death for those who were his enemies. What are some practical ways that we can break the ice and extend a hand of friendship, or lay down our rights in order to love someone who is unlovable?
8. Is there anyone in your sphere who is in need of your forgiveness? What would it mean for them if you forgave and reconciled with them?

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