

Leviticus 1:1 – Holiness

Getting Started:

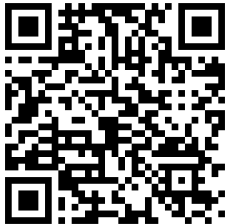
Begin by checking in, with each person introducing themselves (if needed) and sharing “high, low, buffalo.” (Best and worst of the week, and “buffalo” being something random or surprising that occurred in the week)

Expect to experience God in prayer:

Pray that God would open our eyes to see his holiness and invite us to reflect His character in our daily lives.

Expect to experience God in fellowship:

Ice-Breaker: Bible Project Overview of Leviticus



As a group, watch The Bible Project’s graphical overview of the book of Leviticus. Scan the QR code with your phone or [click the hyperlink](#) to view on YouTube.

Discussion Question: What did you learn from the video about the book of Leviticus that you didn’t know before watching?

OR

Conversation Starter (2 options):

- *When you hear the word “holy,” what comes to mind? Is it positive, negative, or confusing—and why?*
- *Think of a time when you realized someone lived differently than everyone else around them. What stood out about that person, and how did it make you feel?*

Expect to experience God by reading and discussing God’s Word together:

Background:

The title “Leviticus” comes from the Latin Vulgate translation of the Greek Old Testament word *leitikon*, meaning “matters of the Levites.”

In Leviticus, God calls His people to holiness, setting them apart to reflect His character. This passage begins with God calling Moses from the tent of meeting, instructing him to teach Israel how to be a holy people served by a holy priesthood.

As Grace’s pastors lead us through Leviticus over the next ten weeks, here are a few Bible reading resources that you may find helpful:

- [The Bible Experience on YouTube](#) (NIV)
- [ESV.org Leviticus](#) (click the loudspeaker to turn on the reader)
- The Bible App (available on Google Play, Apple App Store, Amazon Appstore)

Read Instructions:

Read aloud Exodus 19:5-6

Discussion Questions:

- What does the Bible mean by holy? How does this apply to our lives today?
- What do you think God required the Israelites to be set apart as a holy people?

Note: In the biblical context, holy means being 'set apart' or 'that which is different' and is usually associated with purity and the divine nature of God.

The Hebrew word for holy is *qadosh*, which means separateness and distinction, particularly in relation to God's character.

- As a Christian, if you obey God's voice, what should others see in your life that sets you apart from the world?
- What does it mean to be a priest of God? (see 1 Peter 2:5)
- If you have ever roughed it camping, share an experience that made you a happy camper and one that left you not-so-happy.

Read Exodus 33:7-11; Genesis 3:15

- What does it imply about God's character that he (the creator of heaven and earth and everything in it) chose to dwell in a tent among His people?

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- How do current world events impact your hope for the future?
- How does God's dwelling among His people strengthen that hope?
- Is holiness the most important thing in the world? Why or why not?
- Why is holiness often not associated with happiness?

Experiencing God by applying His Word to your life:

This week, pray that God would make holy the areas of your life that are not holy. Ask Him to help others see you as set apart from the world, and let your holiness point them to Christ. Pray for increasing holiness rather than increasing happiness. In all you say, think, and do: Be holy, for God is holy!

Expect to experience God by closing in prayer together:

Close by asking God to form holiness in each person, to strengthen hope in a broken world, and to remind us daily that He dwells with His people.