

## Leviticus 8-10 “Holiness is Serious Business!”

### Getting started:

Introduce yourself (if needed) and share what’s going on in your life both good and not-so good using Praise Report & Prayer Request, Best and Worst, Hi-Lo Buffalo, or another means.

### Expect to experience God in prayer:

Father God, Jesus, Holy Spirit: thank you for this time together and thank you most for what Jesus did on the cross. We ask that your word pierce our hearts with the importance of holiness and the holiness that you require from your church.

### Expect to experience God in fellowship:

#### Activity

The group leader selects one question below and asks each member to answer.

1. If you could have one thing come true in 2026, what would this be and why?
2. If you could go anywhere in the world right now, where would you go and why?
3. If you could spend Christmas 2025 with anyone in the world (alive or dead), who would it be and why?

#### Alternate/Optional Activity

As a group or at home before meeting, listen to The Bible Experience video of Leviticus 8-10 (NIV). **PLEASE NOTE! This reading takes about fifteen minutes. Start at time 29:00.** Click this [hyperlink](#) to access the YouTube video.

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

At the end of Chapter 7, God had instructed the Israelites regarding various offerings but there are no priests to attend him. In Chapter 8, God consecrates Aaron and his sons as temple priests. In Chapter 9, the newly consecrated priests begin their solemn duties however in Chapter 10, Aaron’s oldest sons, Nadab and Abihu, sin against God resulting in a terrible consequence.

### Discussion Questions:

#### Consecrated by God — Read Leviticus 8:1-10

1. Why is it a such a serious matter to be ‘set apart’ for ministry?
2. Do you think the modern-day Christian church takes ministry this seriously? If not, why?

#### God’s Glory Revealed — Read Leviticus 9:1-4, 9:22-24

3. What had to happen before God would show his glory to the Israelites?

4. What might be consequences of doing ministry in our own strength (i.e., without the power of the Holy Spirit and the authority of God's word)?

#### God's Wrath Revealed — Read Leviticus 10:1-11

5. Based on verse 9, it is surmised that Nadab and Abihu were drunk when they offered unauthorized fire to God. Moreover, despite the precise instructions from God, they used their own incense censers. Why do you think God reacted with such wrath?
6. Now that you understand God's serious expectations about priestly duties, how does this impact how you conduct your ministry duties? Discuss this with the group and what/how you might need to change.

#### Experiencing God by applying His Word to your life:

Leviticus 8-10 demonstrates that we must deal with our sin before we can dedicate ourselves totally to a holy God and then conduct our duties as New Testament priests (1 Peter 2:5).

- What areas in your life need repentance/forgiveness before you can realize spiritual growth in Christ? Take these areas to Jesus.
- Reflect on your ministry calling. Do you give God the very best you have to offer?
- In John 14:26 (ESV), Jesus said: *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."* Ask for guidance, discern the answer, and allow the Holy Spirit to direct your ministry to the glory of God. He is worthy!

#### Expect to experience God by closing in prayer together:

*"The more we aspire to be perfect, the more dependent we are on the grace of God. We begin to need his help with every little thing and at every moment, because without it we can do nothing... Although this total dependence may sometimes go against our human nature, God takes great pleasure in it..."*

From "The Practice of the Presence of God by brother Lawrence"<sup>1</sup>

Father God, Jesus, Holy Spirit: By your grace, help us to be holy and set apart as a light in a dark world. As priests of the New Covenant, may we represent you well in all we say, think, and do.

May we always remember that **Holiness is Serious Business!**

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