

Home Small Group Lesson
The Message America Needs
Leviticus 26

Start It Up

- **Opening Icebreaker:**

*Share any “IF/Then” story from childhood. Can you remember something that your parent(s) promised to do...IF you did something first?

Talk it Over

- **Sermon in a Sentence:**

- *Our Lord blesses obedience,* (v.1-13)
- *...and sin has consequences,* (v.14-39)
- *...but mercy never expires!* (v.40-46)

- Which part of the sermon impacted you, gave insight, challenged you, encouraged you or helped give direction to life?
- In the first 13 verses of Leviticus 26, God’s promises are “IFFY” – meaning, conditional. How does this strike you? Fair? Cruel? In what ways do you think this still applies to us personally or nationally today? What discernment is needed in applying this?
- A 5-fold pattern of defiance is seen: “*But if in spite of this you will not listen to me...then I will...*” What does this tell us about human nature? About God’s character? Do you know people in your life who still act like this?
- Pastor Craig likened the Downfall of the nation to the 5 Categories of a hurricane. From your perspective, where is America on this list? A combination?
 - Category 1: *Personal Fear* (v.14-17)
 - Category 2: *Political Chaos* (v.18-20)
 - Category 3: *Social Isolation* (v.21-22)
 - Category 4: *National Oppression* (v.23-26)
 - Category 5: *Cultural Devastation* (v.27-33)
- Mercy never expires! The passage ends with hope (v.40-46). What encouragement does this give you? Do you think we could see a massive revival again in our country?

Pray it Over:

- Thank God for His blessings! For the ways in which He has blessed your life.
- Pray for 2021: For daily choices worthy of God’s blessing; for family members to turn back to God for mercy; for America to experience sweeping revival.
- Pray in pairs for one another: That we would be prepared to face hard times with hope and trust in the Lord.