

NOV 16 — IMPERFECT WORLD: HOLY LIFE (LEV 11-15) Small Group Questions

These questions are meant to open real conversation, not create pressure. You do not need to work through all of them. Choose the one that feels like it will best open vulnerability and honest reflection within your group. Move slowly, let people breathe, and make space for the Holy Spirit to meet us at our imperfect limits—that's where holiness begins.

1. "Be holy, for I am holy." (Lev 11:44-45; 19:1-2) Holiness here isn't perfection—its proximity to God's character in the middle of a contaminated world. Where do you personally feel the "worldly pressures" clinging to you the most right now? And how do those pressures distort your sense of who God actually is? There might be many... try to name one.
2. In a messy world we respond in perfectionist patterns: climber (fixing yourself), faller (giving up), or hanger (holding shame and expectations). Which one feels the most like your perfectionist status right now? Is it different than in the past? What does that show you about the story you tell yourself about God's expectations?
3. Jesus reframes "be perfect" (teleios) as love reaching its intended fullness—especially love toward difficult or draining people (Matt 5:44-48). In the imperfect world you inhabit, where is love hardest for you right now? And how has that struggle revealed the limits of your own strength?
4. Leviticus teaches that holiness looks like reconciliation, cleansing, and restored belonging—not shame management. In the real, imperfect conditions of your life, what would it look like this week to move toward reconciliation instead of hiding or performing? Name one relationship or situation where God may be inviting you to drop the mask and let love—not perfection—lead.
5. God told Moses to remove the veil so glory could be seen in community (2 Cor 3:18). If you removed one veil in your life—one mask of strength or self-sufficiency—what part of God's character do you think your community might see more clearly in you?