

Discussion Questions  
Week of November 2  
Imperfect Offerings: Holy Acceptance

Resource:

These videos are roughly 7-8 minutes and both give wonderful overviews of the book of Leviticus. Well-worth your time as the leader and may be very helpful to your group!

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1. When we began the Imperfection series, Brian talked about the “holiness of God”. He said that there are two ‘ditches that we can fall in’ as we pursue God:
  - Legalism- saving self or others through strict rule keeping
  - Relativism- anything goes, truth depends on perspectiveShare about a particular situation where you have fallen into one of these ways of thinking.
2. We have another option-*imperfection*-embracing limitations and failure as opportunities to grow. Take a few moments to consider an area where you feel like you are failing. How does it make you feel to think about sharing that with others in community? How does it make you feel to think about bringing that limitation to God in prayer? Share these feelings with the group.
3. Read the first 3 verses of the first 7 chapters of Leviticus. Make a list of similarities. Make a list of differences. What do you notice?
4. Read Leviticus 4. There are 4 different ‘sinners’ listed in the chapter. Name them. What was the basic procedure described to receive forgiveness, for each of these sinners?
5. Read Leviticus 4:26. As you consider the themes of atonement and forgiveness in this verse and in this chapter, compare this with what we know about Christ’s atonement. How would the process of reconciliation in the Old Testament be easier? How would it be harder? What do you find difficult about reconciliation now, with Christ in your daily life?
6. “The main thing about impurity [in the Hebrew Bible] that people often misunderstand is that it’s totally okay to be impure,” Baden. Do you find this surprising? Why or why not?
7. Read and compare Leviticus 11:44 and 1 Peter 1:13-23. Name all the ways purification and holiness come in 1 Peter 1:13-23.
8. Read the 1 Peter passage again. What stands out to you? What surprises you?
9. Give time to consider (don’t need to share): If we were Israelites during the times of Moses, we would have gotten a dove or a bull to gain atonement for our sin.

Consider for a moment-what is the sin that you are currently struggling with that would have been the reason for your sacrifice of an unblemished goat? Make a note to yourself to bring this area before Christ each day this week and ask Him to speak to you about it. Listen, and give him time to speak. Just like the Israelite who was made clean by ritual cleansing or was atoned for by a blood sacrifice-that same forgiveness is ours because of the cleansing of our baptism and the spilling of Christ's blood. But that imperfection is an opportunity to grow closer to the Father. Speak with Him daily this week about your struggle and listen to what He has to say.