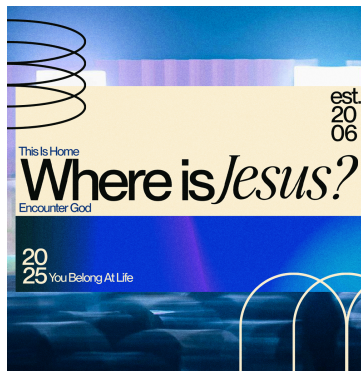




Where is Jesus? PT. III | Leviticus | Mark Allen | 11.2.25

Opening Prayer

Begin by asking God to open hearts and minds to understand His call to holiness and to draw near to Him during this discussion.

Icebreaker (10 minutes)

- Have you ever tried to read through the entire Bible? Where did you stop and why?
- What comes to mind when you hear the word "holy"? Is it positive or negative

Key Scripture

Leviticus 20:26 - "Thus you are to be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy, and I have set you apart from the peoples to be mine."

1Peter 2:9-12 - "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession..."

Key Takeaways:

1. Holiness Means Wholeness/Completeness

- The Hebrew word for "holy" at its root means "whole" or "complete"
- Adam and Eve were created complete (body, soul, spirit) but became incomplete through sin
- We can only become complete through faith in Jesus Christ

2. God's Provision (Leviticus 1-16)

- Five offerings point to our need for a sacrifice
- God equips His priests for service
- There is a right way and a wrong way to approach God
- Our response should always be "Yes, Lord"

3. Our Performance (Leviticus 17-27)

- Works don't save us, but we work because we love Jesus
 - We must die to ourselves (the blood)
 - Right living matters for experiencing God's presence and power
 - We are called to be separated from the world
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Discussion Questions:

Understanding Holiness (15 minutes)

1. How does understanding holiness as "wholeness" or "completeness" change your perspective on what God is calling you to?
2. Read Genesis 2:7 and Genesis 2:17. What died in Adam the day he sinned? How does this help us understand our need for being "born again"?
3. Pastor Mark stated: "You can't do anything for wholeness. Only one person can give us wholeness and completeness, and that is through faith in Jesus Christ." Why is this good news? Why do we still try to earn our completeness?

God's Provision (15 minutes)

4. Looking at Leviticus 8 (the equipping of the priests), what does this teach us about how God prepares us for service? What did the Levites do to deserve their equipping?
5. The story of Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10:1-2) shows the danger of "strange fire." What might "strange fire" look like in the church today? In your personal life?
6. Why is "Yes, Lord" the only appropriate response to God's standards? What areas of your life are you still negotiating with God instead of surrendering?

Our Performance (15 minutes)

7. Pastor Mark distinguished between justification (how we're saved) and sanctification (the process of salvation). How would you explain the difference? Why do we work if works don't save us?
8. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. When you sin or face temptation, is your first instinct to run from God or run to God? Why? What would it look like practically to "draw near with confidence to the throne of grace"?
9. The false teaching that "God just wants you to be happy" was challenged. Why is this dangerous? What's the difference between pursuing happiness and pursuing obedience?

Personal Applications (15 minutes)

10. Pastor Mark mentioned two types of sin:

- **Sins of Commission** (doing what we shouldn't do)
- **Sins of Omission** (not doing what God calls us to do)

Which do you struggle with more? Can you share an example (if comfortable)?

11. "Show me your 10 closest friends and I'll show you your future." How has your friend group changed since becoming a Christian? Should it change? How do we balance being "in the world but not of the world"?
 12. The sermon ended with: "You can't get into the presence and power of God if you're not willing to live a right life." What area of right living is God calling you to address so you can experience more of His presence and power?
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Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge:

Choose ONE of the following to practice this week:

1. Daily Self-Reflection on Holiness

- Each evening, ask: "Holy Spirit, what are you saying to me about my completeness in Christ?"
- Identify one sin of commission or omission
- Practice "drawing near" to God instead of hiding.

2. Evaluate Your Friend Circle

- List your 10 closest friends/influences
- Ask: "Are these relationships pulling me toward Christ or away from Him?"
- Pray about one relationship that needs to change or one godly friendship you need to pursue

3. Practice "Yes, Lord"

- Identify one area where you've been offering "strange fire" (doing things your way instead of God's way)
- Commit to obedience in that area this week
- Share your commitment with one accountability partner

4. Study the Five Offerings

- Read Leviticus 1-5 this week
 - Journal how each offering points to Jesus
 - Thank God for His provision through Christ
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Memory Verse

1Peter 2:9 - "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Prayer Request & Closing Prayer (10 minutes)

- Share specific areas where you need God's grace and mercy
- Pray for each other to experience God's presence and power through obedience
- Thank God that we were His, we are His, and we will always be His

Closing Prayer Focus:

- Gratitude for God's provision through Christ
 - Confession of areas needing repentance
 - Commitment to "Yes, Lord" living
 - Request for power and presence through right living
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Leader Notes

Sensitive Topics:

- Some may struggle with shame over past or present sin. Emphasize God's grace and the message of drawing near rather than hiding.
- The "friend circle" discussion could be painful for some. Focus on addition (adding godly friends) not just subtraction.

Keep the Focus:

- This is about God's provision FIRST, then our response
- Holiness is not legalism—it's wholeness in Christ
- We don't work to earn salvation but because we love Jesus

Follow-Up: Consider checking in mid-week with group members about their chosen practical application.