

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Make Me An Offering

Message: Part 4 - How Do I Live Forgiven and Free? (Sin Offering)

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Connect (25min)

1. TWO TRUTHS and a LIE

- **Play a round of *Two Truths and a Lie*** - an icebreaker game where a person states three personal facts, two of which are true and one is false. The other players then try to guess which statement is the lie. Participants take turns to present their statements until everyone has had a turn. Make the game more fun by including outrageous facts or by making the lie sound just as plausible as the truths. This is a fun way to learn something new about one another.
Prepare your statements: Think of two true statements and one believable lie about yourself.
Share your statements: Go around the group, with each person in turn stating their three facts.
Make your guesses: The others in the group then guess which statement is the lie.
Reveal the lie: After everyone has guessed, the person who shared the statements reveals which one was the lie.

2. TAKE 5

- 📖 **Read Psalm 25:1-10.** Take a moment to open your discussion time in prayer.

Message Discussion (50min)

1. LESSONS FROM LEVITICUS

- [Option] Watch this 7min Video - [The Bible Project - Avoiding the Book of Leviticus?](#)
- 📖 **Read [Leviticus 4:27-35](#)** (Sin offering for the common person) and [Hebrews 9:11-14](#) (Christ as the Greater High Priest).
*Encourage the group to listen for the words forgiven, blood, atonement, and notice how they tie together.
- **Share your initial thoughts and feedback on these passages of scripture.**

2. SIN & MISTAKES

- **Why do you think we're more comfortable calling something a "mistake" rather than a "sin"?**
- **What is the benefit of identifying and owning sin instead of hiding behind softer language?**
- **What did you learn about *The Sin Offering* from Sunday's message?**
NOTES: Background on the Sin Offering (Leviticus 4) The Hebrew word for sin in this chapter is [hattā't](#), meaning "to miss the mark." It was often used for archery—aiming at the target but falling short. The sin offering was specifically for unintentional sins (Lev. 4:2, 27). Intentional rebellion (high-handed sin) was much more serious, but God made provision for the everyday failures and lapses of His people. Different offerings were required depending on who sinned:
 1. High Priest → young bull (Lev. 4:3–12) because his sin affected the whole nation.
 2. Leader → male goat (Lev. 4:22–26).
 3. Ordinary Person → female goat or lamb (Lev. 4:27–35).
 4. For the Poor → doves or even grain (Lev. 5:7–11).

>> Key Point: God's forgiveness was available for all—from priest to pauper.

3. NOTHING TO HIDE ([Leviticus 4:2, 27–28](#))

- Why do we tend to hide sin instead of confessing it? How does confession set us free?

 **Read** [1 John 1:9, James 5:16](#).

****Encourage your group to participate in our upcoming [Set Free Retreat](#)****

4. YOM KIPPUR CONNECTION ([Leviticus 16:20–22](#))

- The High Priest laid the sins of the people on the scapegoat, which carried them away.

How does that image help you understand what Jesus did on the cross?

NOTES: Day of Atonement = Holiest day in Israel's calendar, a National Day of Cleansing.

The High Priest entered the Holy of Holies only on this day, carrying blood to sprinkle on the mercy seat of the Ark. Two goats were chosen:

1. One was sacrificed for sin.
2. The other (the scapegoat) symbolically carried away the nation's sins into the wilderness.

>> Key Point: This was the “national reset button”—the moment Israel knew their sins had been dealt with. Yom Kippur gave Israel a picture of full forgiveness and freedom—pointing forward to Jesus. (as our greater High Priest, our sacrifice, our scapegoat, and our mercy seat)

5. NOTHING TO PROVE ([Leviticus 4:29; John 19:30](#))

- The sinner didn't prove themselves worthy—they trusted God's provision.
In what areas of life are you tempted to keep “proving yourself” to God or others?
- **How would it change your daily walk if you really believed Jesus already finished the work?**

6. NOTHING TO LOSE ([Leviticus 4:35; Romans 8:1](#))

- Other religions offered sacrifices without assurance, but Israel's God gave His people certainty: “they shall be forgiven.”
How does assurance of forgiveness change the way you face temptation, guilt, or fear with Jesus?

Response & Prayer (15min)

RESPONSE

- Of the four steps given in the sermon – **Confess, Trust, Rest, Live Boldly** – which one do you need to lean into most this week, and why?
- Share about a time when you experienced God's forgiveness in a way that changed your life.
- How can we as a group encourage one another to keep walking in the freedom Christ has already won for us?

PRAYER

*Break into groups of 3-4, or men & women, to enhance sharing and prayer participation.

- **Spend time thanking Jesus** that He is our High Priest, our sacrifice, our scapegoat, and our mercy seat. Invite group members to pray prayers of confession and freedom.
- **Pray for One Another**
In response to our sharing and discussion, how can we pray for you this week?
Share & Pray for one another.

>> Share announcements and confirm your plans for your next Life Group meeting.