

Unauthorized Fire

Questions for Leviticus 9-10

Read Leviticus 9:1-10:1-3. On Sunday we didn't read all of these verses, but talk as a group about your initial impressions of this passage.

What questions do you have of the passage?

What is clear? Unclear?

Obviously we don't worship in our time before either a tabernacle or a temple. But we do worship corporately. What do you think we tend to look for in worship—comfort, inspiration, excellence, excitement, God's presence, or something else? Or to put the question differently, Why did you choose to align yourself with Community Covenant Church?

In 10:3 we read, *Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.* How should this verse give shape to our worship services in 2026?

What is the difference between worship that is centered on God and worship that is centered on us? Can something be excellent, beautiful, comfortable, and encouraging and still be fundamentally wrong as worship?

Nadab and Abihu offered "unauthorized fire." What do you think their sin teaches us about the danger of assuming that because we are sincere in worship, God must therefore be pleased with what we offer?

What do you do to prepare for Sunday worship at Community Covenant Church? What changes, if any, would you like to make in your weekly preparation?

Why might modern Christians need to recover a greater sense of the holiness and seriousness of coming into God's presence in a corporate worship service? What would that look like without our worship services simply becoming formal or gloomy?

How should the grace of God affect our understanding of his holiness? Does knowing that God forgives freely make his holiness seem less serious—or does grace actually make his holiness and our sin more profound?

Personal application: Is there an area in your own life where you are tempted to approach God on your own terms rather than his? What would it look like to submit that area to God?

If we really believed that God is passionate about the display of his glory, how might that change the way we gather for worship—and the way we live Monday through Saturday?