

THE PLAN

9. The Priests (Leviticus) November 7, 2021

Story Coordinates (Exodus 40:33-Leviticus 1:2)

People (Who is the story about?)

Place (Where is their home?)

Presence (How can they meet with God?)

Purpose (What did God tell them to do?)

(Leviticus ch. 1-7, 8:1-4)

What did they do?

- They _____ Aaron & sons _____ God's commands. (Leviticus 8)
- Aaron & sons opened the Tabernacle for worship _____ God's commands. (Lev. 9:1-22)
- Two of Aaron's sons _____ the Tabernacle _____ God's commands. (Lev. 10:1)

How did God respond?

- God revealed his _____ by _____ with Moses and Aaron—and by _____ the _____ priests. (Lev. 9:23-24, 10:2)
- God _____ the priests how to keep the Tabernacle pure from _____. (Lev. 10:8-11, chapters 11-15, 17-22)
- God gave them _____ to deal with their failures to keep the Tabernacle _____. (Lev. 16)

The Moral of the Story

- The goal of the Covenant is to reveal God's _____ to the world through his relationship with _____.
- The mission of God's people is to _____ God's character to the world.
- When God's people fail, God has to set the _____ by condemning their sins.

Spoiler Alert:

- God set the record straight _____ when he sent Jesus to _____ on our behalf. (Romans 3:25-26)

Small Group Questions

1. Getting Started:

- What did you find most interesting about the sermon this week? The most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
- Are there any “holy” objects in your life? Objects that have special significance and have to be treated in special ways?

2. Into the Bible (1 Peter 1:13-2:10)

- Read 1 Peter 1:13-16. Here Peter quotes from Leviticus, “Be holy, because I am holy.” What does it mean for us to be holy? How does Peter describe it in this passage?
- Read 1:17-2:3. What does it like to live out the calling to be holy, according to Peter? How does he want us to live?
- Read 2:4-6. How does Peter connect Christians with the priesthood in this passage? How are we similar to them?

- Read 2:7-10. How does Peter teach us to see ourselves as Christians in this passage?

3. Going Deeper

- In the ancient world, revealing God’s nature required a complex system of rituals and symbols. How do we reveal God’s nature today through our form of worship?
- How do we reveal God’s nature through our personal behavior?
- Where do Christians need the most work in accurately representing God to the world? Where do you need the most work?

4. Prayer

- Pray for each other in your efforts to represent God to the world.