

# SET APART

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## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four components to a healthy group: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out.

In this guide, we will study Leviticus 16 using inductive Bible study, which has three components: observation, interpretation, and application.

As the leader of your group, feel free to use whatever parts of this guide most help you do this!

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## CONNECT *BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING*

- Reflect together on the week of prayer and fasting! Is there anything God was teaching you? Did you experience any answered prayers? Was anything challenging?
  - Discipleship check-in:
    - Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
    - Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?
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## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we kicked off 2024 by participating with our global Every Nation family in a week of prayer and fasting. Throughout this whole month, we are continuing to meditate on the holiness of God in our series, "Set Apart." We hope that at the end of this month we will have a more thoroughly biblical view of holiness that glorifies God, transforms our hearts, and increases our passion for the lost.

This week we see that God's holiness is deadly to sinful humanity, but that he has made a way to enable people to be in relationship with him.

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## OBSERVATION *WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?*

READ: Leviticus 16

DISCUSS:

- Take some time to summarize in your own words what the text is saying.
- V1 references the death of the two sons of Aaron. Does anyone in the group know what happened to these two sons? If not, you can go read it in Lev 10:1-3. How does their death highlight the necessity of the instructions given in this passage?
- How are the Israelites instructed to respond to the events of the Day of Atonement? (V29-30)

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## INTERPRETATION *WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN?*

### DISCUSS:

- How is God's holiness revealed in this text?
- Describe the two goats and their purposes. How is each one a different picture of God's grace to us?
- How does Jesus fulfill the instructions given on the Day of Atonement?

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## APPLICATION *WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?*

### DISCUSS:

- Aaron's sons got in trouble because they tried to relate to God on their own terms. Do you ever do that? How can we be more faithful to relate to God on his terms and not our own?
- The Every Nation guide for this week's sermon says the following: "The first fifteen chapters of Leviticus lead to the Day of Atonement. These chapters teach us about worship and the way to God. The last eleven chapters follow from the Day of Atonement. They are about holy living and our walk with God. This is an essential pattern in the Bible: God's work of salvation comes first; our obedience is done in response. Holy living always follows worship."
  - Reflect on the truth that God's work of salvation comes first, and our obedience happens in response. What happens when we forget that order?
- Expiation (the removal of your sins) means that in Jesus you have been made holy and clean. Do you believe that? What can you do in moments when you don't?

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## PRAYER

Thank God together that he has made a way for us to be in relationship with him through Jesus. Thank God that Jesus' atoning sacrifice makes us clean. Pray that we would have a greater revelation of God's holiness and the cost Jesus paid for our sin.