



Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

“Burn, Fire, Burn”

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Summary

Have someone in your group read the following summary aloud.

This sermon from Leviticus 10 contrasts two types of fire - the holy fire from God that brings joy and worship, versus self-authorized fire that brings destruction and judgment. Pastor Daniel, alongside Ken Costa, teach about Nadab and Abihu, Aaron's sons who offered unauthorized fire and were consumed by God's judgment. The message emphasizes that the same fire of God can bring either blessing or judgment depending on our approach. The key lesson is about maintaining dependence on God rather than self-sustaining competence leading to spiritual independence. The sermon warns against self-referencing - making our wants, desires and likes the center of truth rather than submitting to God's authority. It calls believers to be 'keepers of the flame,' tending the fire of God daily through worship, prayer, and dependence on Him.

Key Passages

- Leviticus 9:24
- Leviticus 10:1-2
- Leviticus 6:12
- 2 Timothy 1:6

Opening Prayer

Open your session in prayer, using the words below or your own

Heavenly Father, as we gather today, we ask that You open our hearts and minds to what You want to teach us. Help us to set aside our own agendas and preconceptions and make us receptive to Your voice. Lord, kindle fresh fire in our hearts and help us to approach You with reverence and humility. We pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us and that we would leave this time changed by Your presence. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

Getting Going

Allow time for each member to answer the following questions before moving on.

What's one thing that requires daily maintenance in your life (like a garden, exercise routine, or relationship), and what happens when you neglect it for too long?

Discussion Questions

Answer as many of these questions as time and interest allow.

1. What stands out to you about the contrast between the fire in Leviticus 9 (bringing joy) and the fire in Leviticus 10 (bringing judgment)?
2. Ken mentioned that technical competence can be spiritually dangerous. How might being 'good' at something distance us from God?
3. The sermon described self-referencing as 'the key deception of our generation.' What are some ways our culture encourages us to be self-referencing rather than God-referencing?
4. What's the difference between having 'priorities' (plural) versus having one clear 'priority' (singular) in your life?
5. Ken said, 'voices bring choices.' Who are the voices you're currently listening to, and how are they influencing your decisions?
6. The sermon emphasized the need to 'unfollow yourself.' What does this look like practically in daily life?
7. How do you 'tend the fire' and maintain your spiritual passion daily?

Making It Personal

Take the opportunity noted below to apply this week's sermon to your everyday life

This week, establish or recommit to a daily practice of 'kindling the fire' - whether through morning prayer, scripture reading, worship, or meditation. Choose one specific way you will intentionally depend on God each day rather than relying on your own competence or understanding. Also, identify one voice of godly wisdom in your life and reach out to them for counsel or encouragement

Key Takeaways

Commit to memory one point from the message before dismissing.

- The same fire of God can bring blessing or judgment depending on our heart posture and obedience.
- Technical competence without spiritual dependence leads to dangerous independence from God.
- Self-referencing (making ourselves the center of truth) is a key deception of our generation.
- We must daily tend the fire of God through worship, prayer, and dependence on Him.
- Having one clear priority (seeking God's kingdom first) is better than juggling multiple priorities.

Closing Prayer

Have someone from your group close your time in prayer, using the words below or your own.

Lord Jesus, thank You for the reminder that You are holy and that we must approach You with reverence and dependence. Help us to be keepers of Your flame, tending the fire of our relationship with You daily. Protect us from the pride of self-sufficiency and keep us humble and dependent on Your Spirit. May we seek Your kingdom first above all other priorities, and may Your fire burn brightly in our lives to bring glory to Your name. Guard us from offering unauthorized fire, and help us to live in submission to Your authority. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.