



Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

“Seeing the World Right”

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Summary

Have someone in your group read the following summary aloud.

The sermon from Leviticus 16 explores the Day of Atonement and God's provision for cleansing His people. Pastor Daniel explains how God established a yearly righteous reset through two goats - one sacrificed for sin and another (the scapegoat) that symbolically carried sins into the wilderness. This Old Testament practice points to Jesus as both the sacrificial lamb who died for our sins and the one who carries our guilt away. The message emphasizes that God always makes a way for His people to be clean, forgiven, and free from sin and connects ancient purification rituals to modern spiritual freedom. Through Christ, believers receive forgiveness first, then freedom. Pastor Daniel challenges us to identify sins and patterns that need to be sent into the wilderness - starved and separated from their lives - while celebrating that God's intention has always been to bring His people into His presence,

moving from speaking 'from' the tent of meeting to speaking 'in' the tent of meeting.

Key Passages

- Leviticus 16:1-2
- Leviticus 16:7-10
- Leviticus 16:22
- John 1:29
- Numbers 1:1

Opening Prayer

Open your session in prayer, using the words below or your own
Heavenly Father, we come before You today with grateful hearts, knowing that You are the God who makes a way where there seems to be no way. As we gather to study Your Word and learn from the Day of Atonement, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to receive what You want to teach us today. Help us to be vulnerable and honest with one another, and show us areas in our lives where we need Your cleansing and freedom. Holy Spirit, guide our discussion and help us to encourage one another in our walk with You. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen**.

Getting Going

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

What's one household item or possession that you've held onto for way too long and probably should have gotten rid of years ago?

Discussion Questions

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

1. Pastor Daniel mentioned that God is 'kadosh' (holy) and wants to sync us with His holiness. What are some ways our world tries to contaminate us, similar to the issues described in Leviticus?
2. The Day of Atonement involved two goats – one died as a sacrifice, the other carried sins into the wilderness. How does this process help us understand both forgiveness and freedom from sin?
3. Pastor Daniel said, 'Forgiveness is first, and then freedom follows.' Why do you think this order is important? How might trying to earn freedom before receiving forgiveness be problematic?
4. What does it mean to 'send sins back to the devil's realm' as the medieval rabbi suggested? How can we practically apply this concept in our daily lives?

5. The scapegoat was sent into the wilderness to 'starve' sins. What are practical ways we need to 'starve' sins or temptations in our own lives?
6. The sermon emphasized the need to 'unfollow yourself.' What does this look like practically in daily life?
7. How does understanding Jesus as both the sacrificial lamb AND the scapegoat change your perspective on what He accomplished on the cross?
8. The progression from Leviticus 1:1 (God speaking 'from' the tent) to Numbers 1:1 (God speaking 'in' the tent) shows increased intimacy with God. What barriers might be preventing you from experiencing deeper intimacy with God?

Making It Personal

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

This week, identify one specific sin, habit, or pattern in your life that you need to 'send into the wilderness.' Take practical steps to starve that pattern - whether it's removing apps from your phone, avoiding certain places, or ending unhealthy relationships. At the same time, spend time in prayer thanking God for His forgiveness and asking Him to help you walk in the freedom He has provided through Jesus.

Key Takeaways

Commit to memory one point from the message before dismissing.

- God established the Day of Atonement as a yearly righteous reset, showing His desire to cleanse His people and restore relationship.
- The two goats represent both forgiveness (sacrifice) and freedom (removal of sin) - both are necessary for complete restoration.
- Jesus fulfills both roles as the Lamb of God who takes away sins and carries them completely away from us.
- Forgiveness comes first through God's grace, then freedom follows as we walk out our salvation.
- We have authority in Christ to cast out sin and announce God's forgiveness to others who are bound.

Closing Prayer

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

Lord Jesus, thank You for being both our sacrifice and our scapegoat - the One who died for our sins and the One who carries them completely away from us. We are amazed by Your love and the lengths You went to secure our freedom. Help us to walk in the forgiveness and freedom You have provided,

and give us courage to send the enemy's lies and temptations back to the wilderness where they belong. As we leave this place, help us to be agents of Your freedom in the world, announcing Your forgiveness to those who are still bound. May we live as people who have been brought from the outside of the tent into intimate fellowship with You. In Your precious name we pray, **Amen.**