

S M A L L G R O U P Q U E S T I O N S

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Holified – A Study in Leviticus, Part 3

'C' Priest Serve

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A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Rock Marriage Mentor Couples: We're committed to helping couples and families live Christ-centered lives that will stand the test of time and leave a Godly legacy for future generations. Our Marriage Mentors will come alongside younger couples and help them to experience all that God has for their marriage and family. If you have been married for at least seven years and would like more information about serving as a mentor couple, join us **Wednesday nights in February** (February 1, 8, 15, and 28) for our Marriage Mentor Training. For more information, contact melissak@therocksandiego.org or x242.

Intercessory Prayer: Did you know that during every single service there are intercessors praying for those that are in the service? As we pray for others, our own prayer life grows. Would you like to be part of a intercessory prayer team? The commitment can be as little as once a month, or every Sunday. If you feel that God is calling to intercede for the body please contact Suzanne Lederer at x230 or suzannel@therocksandiego.org

Fusion Scavenger Hunt: Attention Small Groups, Rock Church body, everyone!!! On **Saturday, February 18**, plan to get your friends together and test your San Diego knowledge as you drive around town solving riddles and searching for items. Meet at the east entrance of Robinsons-May at Fashion Valley Mall at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$10 a team. To sign up, or fore more information, email fellowship_ministry@yahoo.com.

Memory Verse: *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.* 1 Peter 2:9-10

This weekend we learned that God called, cleansed, clothed, and consecrated the Old Testament Priest to His service. God has done the same thing to you! It doesn't always happen all at once, and for some, it happens again and again in different ways.

This week we are going to consider how, throughout the course of your walk with God, you have been called to his service, cleansed from sin, clothed and equipped for service, and consecrated for His work. If you are a new Christian, your story might lend itself to focusing only on your calling. If you are a seasoned believer, you may have several examples of each step in the process.

The purpose of this study is to begin to understand the cycle of growth that God has set up for his children. It is our desire that you leave small group with (1) a life-long perspective of what God has done and may want to do in your life and (2) a renewed commitment to the One who began a good work in you.



The reason we invite you into this reflection and discussion is three fold.

1. When we are aware of the process God is leading us through, we become more sensitive to His direction. An awareness of His work in our lives often validates the struggles you may be experiencing, gives you a framework for what God might lead you through next, and guides your prayers.
2. By recognizing God's movement through the cycle He created, we can resolve to cooperate with His plan.
3. This process helps us to understand the work He wants us to do (or has lead us to do already) for His kingdom. By identifying the work He has prepared for us to do, you can begin (or continue to) write your personal testimony and share the transforming work He has done in your life with others.

Everyone in small group will need a Bible, a print out of the following pages, paper (or a journal) to take notes on, and a pencil.

You will not be able to complete all of this work in your group. That's OK. We encourage you to focus on what you feel is most relevant to the work God is doing in your life rather than rushing to complete all the questions.

In your group, work through this process:

- Read the scripture given for each concept. Take notes on what each verse says.
- Based on that scripture (and other resources you may have) work together to write a definition.
- Consider how God has moved through these steps in your life. Write it down.
- Consider what you can expect in terms of attacks from Satan as God moves through this transforming work in your life.

You or your small group members can continue this work throughout the week by doing the following:

- Pray and ask God for a heart that is sensitive to His direction and will for the next part of the process in your life. Resolve to cooperate with God's work.
- Begin to jot down the testimony, or story, that God is writing in your life.

Called:

Scriptures:

John 15:16

Ephesians 1:4

2 Thessalonians 2:13

I Peter 4: 4-6; 9-10

Definition:

How did God call you? What did He call you to? What do you think He is calling you to?

As you are experiencing or have experienced God's call on your life, what attacks can you expect from the devil? (Read Ephesians 6:10-18). What part of the armor of God do you need to "put on" to defeat the devil in His attacks?

Cleansed (forgiven and made new):

Scripture:

Proverbs 25:4

1 John 1:7, 9

Definition:

How has God cleansed you? What did He cleanse you from? How has His cleansing changed your life?

As you are experiencing or have experienced God's cleansing in your life, what attacks can you expect from the devil? (Refer again to Ephesians 6:10-18). What part of the armor of God do you need to "put on" to defeat the devil in His attacks?

Clothed (equipped):

Scripture:

Hebrews 13:21

Ephesians 2:10

2 Timothy 2:10, 21

2 Timothy 3:17

2 Timothy 4:2

Definition:

How has God's call clothed or equipped you for what He has called you to do?

As you are experiencing or have experienced God equipping you, what attacks can you expect from the devil? Using Ephesians 6:10-18, what part of the armor of God do you need to "put on" to defeat the devil in His attacks.

Consecrated (set a part for sacred service):

Scripture:

I Corinthians 6:11

1 Thessalonians 4:3

2 Thessalonians 2:13; 5:23

I Peter 1:2

Definition:

In what way has God set you a part for His service? You were created for so much more than what this fallen world has to offer. In what way do you intuitively understand that? How would you explain to someone who doesn't understand how you know that God has set you apart?

As you are experiencing or have experienced God consecrating your life, what attacks can you expect from the devil? Using Ephesians 6:10-18, what part of the armor of God do you need to "put on" to defeat the devil in His attacks.