

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Holified – A Study on Leviticus – Part 5  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Small Group Coach and Community Leader Meeting:** Saturday, February 25, 8:30-10:30 AM, in the Ruffin Classroom/Altar Call Room. Please RSVP by February 20 to [carolynny@therocksandiego.org](mailto:carolynny@therocksandiego.org).
- **Small Group Essentials Training:** Saturday, March 18, 8-11:30 AM. Breakfast is at 8 AM and our meeting begins at 8:30 AM. It is “essential” that all Small Group Leaders and Apprentices attend this training. More info to come. RSVP by March 10 to [carolynny@therocksandiego.org](mailto:carolynny@therocksandiego.org).
- For all other Rock Announcements please go to <http://www.therocksandiego.org/announcements/> or see the Rock Event Calendar at <http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/>.

## MEMORY VERSE

- *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.* Leviticus 17:11

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – “DAY OF ATONEMENT”

Being forgiven is one of the most powerful gifts we experience. When we receive forgiveness from a person we’ve wronged we can reestablish relationship with them. The same is true of God. If we want to have a relationship with God we must be willing to receive His forgiveness. This week we contrast how forgiveness happened for the people of Israel and how it happens for us today.

### Getting Started

1. After reading Leviticus 16, comparing the High Priest to Jesus, list some of the obvious ways forgiveness has changed from then to now.
2. The Bible says that we’ve all made mistakes and chosen to do our own thing instead of following God obediently (Romans 3:23). Do you believe that’s true and if you do what does forgiveness mean to you personally? How has forgiveness changed your life?
3. Why do people have such a hard time feeling forgiven by God?

### Digger Deeper

4. Read the following verses and write down how the Bible describes Satan?

John 8:44

Revelation 12:10

I Peter 5:8

Matthew 13:19

5. Read the following verses and write down how God views our sins and shortcomings after we give Him control of our lives (i.e. become followers of Jesus).

Colossians 2:13-14

Hebrews 9:13-14

Hebrews 10:10

I John 1:9

I John 2:1

6. What does Satan want you to *think* and *feel* about your past sins and mistakes?
7. If you are a follower of Jesus how does it affect the way you live your life if you doubt God's forgiveness?
8. Is there a specific area of your life that would look different if you were able to completely believe and act on the forgiveness granted to you by God? How would your life be different? (Romans 6:5)

### **Bringing It Home**

9. How forgiven do you feel? Are there times when you don't feel forgiven? If you feel comfortable doing so, talk a little about those times.
10. Satan wants us to doubt God's forgiveness so he plants doubt in our minds as a strategy to keep us living in bondage. Reflect on those times when you may not feel forgiven or when you doubt God's forgiveness. Can you find a pattern of when or how Satan uses this strategy in your life?

As we go through life we all receive messages about ourselves. Our parents, siblings, friends, teachers, employers, etc... all deposit messages into our minds and hearts. What we do with those messages is up to us. We can receive those messages and allow them to become our "beliefs" about ourselves or we can reject them.

11. Are there "messages" about your past or from Satan that you need to reprogram in your head and heart? Have those "messages" turned into "beliefs" for you? How can you let some of your past go by reprogramming those inaccurate and harmful "messages" and "beliefs" about yourself?