

Home Group Study Questions

Easter Messages: Preparing for the Cross

A Sacrifice for Others

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Getting Started:



1. What is something that you have 'sacrificed' (given up to gain something of greater value) recently?

2. When God's people as well as pagan religions used sacrifices in ancient times what was their purpose? N.B. This is just to get you thinking. Don't spend too much time here!



Into the Bible: *Read Leviticus 16:1-2, 10, 20-22*

3. The Day of Atonement recorded in Lev 16 was a very special day for the Israelites. Here the priest was to make atonement for the sins of the people. Discuss the significance of the 'scapegoat'. How is it similar to what Jesus did for us?

4. Numbers 28-29 records all the different sacrifices and festivals the Israelites needed to make throughout a given year. Scan through the headings. Comment on the huge workload the priests had and the many hoops the people had to jump through to deal with their sin.

5. God had a better way to deal with sin. He began to introduce it hundreds of years before Christ. Read Isaiah 53:4-10. Notice the unique qualities of this 'Suffering Servant'?

6. Discuss how Jesus fulfilled these qualities.

7. **Read Hebrews 4:14-16; 9:24-28**

For what reasons can we have faith in our Great High Priest?

8. Discuss the uniqueness of Jesus as Great High Priest.

- Once for all sacrifice
- Entered heaven rather than the earthly sanctuary
- Sacrificed himself



Digging Deeper:

9. Notice throughout the history of the bible how God dealt with sin. Why do you think He seemed to take so long to deal properly with it?

10. Take time to thank God for our Great High Priest.