

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE



To Make Us One

Icebreaker: Name the most famous person you have ever had a face-to-face encounter with. What happened?

If you can, watch this Bible Project Video together as a group!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_OIRWGLdnw

Read Together: Leviticus 4:1-7 (ESV) and Leviticus 17:11 (ESV)

Discuss:

Why did the Bull have to be without blemish?

What does the Unblemished bull foreshadow in the New Covenant?

Why did the Priest lay hands on the bull?

Consider together:

- In our modern-day culture, we don't understand all the blood. The people of Israel were highly familiar with the slaughter. They were reminded of what was required to cover their sin. They saw it daily! To restore their relationship with God, a sacrifice had to be made!
- **“at-one-ment”** – The people could not be one with God unless the penalty for their sin had been paid.
- The blood brought reconciliation, but in the old covenant, it wasn't permanent.
- The blood was for atonement. The blood was a replacement that symbolically marked them as clean. The blood did not remove the person's sins; it only covered them. They were then clean until the next day of atonement when they would have to sacrifice again.

- Blood represented life, and when it was poured out and sprinkled in the tabernacle, it symbolized life being restored to the person/people.

Love and Justice

Read Together: Hebrews 10:1-4 (NLT), Romans 3:25-26 (NIV), Hebrews 10:8-12 (NLT), 2Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) and 1 Peter 2:21-25 (ESV)

Consider:

- Love made God want to pave the way for sin to be permanently removed.
- Justice needed the penalty for sin to be paid.
- God can hold Love and Justice in tension.
- He knew that the only way to satisfy both was with a sacrifice of an innocent one.
- Jesus canceled the first covenant to put the second one into effect!
- Jesus was innocent and paid the penalty, but what the RESURRECTION was God's AMEN to the penalty being paid for ALL. For ALL time. For ALL people who would accept it.

Discuss:

- What did the old covenant sacrifice point to in the New Covenant?
- Why don't we offer sacrifices for our sin anymore?

Take some time to thank God for sending Jesus and giving us an understanding of the Blood and why it is essential!