

Talk It Over

Questions are prepared each week and are designed to prompt insights, questions, and the life experience of each listener. If these are used immediately following the sermon, it would be much the same as what was done in Israel at the time of the early church.

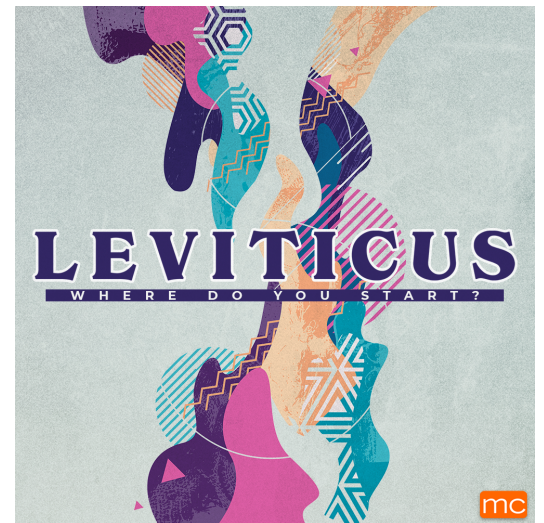
For the sake of time, you may want to choose one or two questions.

Warm Up:

How did you celebrate Mother's Day this year? Does your family have any special traditions around this day?

Discuss:

1. What are some of your fondest thoughts about or memories of your mother?
2. Can you describe a time in your life when you were overwhelmed with gratitude? What produced or caused the feelings of thankfulness and joy?
3. Why do we need practical ways to express joy and gratitude? Why have humans developed traditions and rituals to express thankfulness for specific people (e.g., Mother's Day, Veteran's Day, Labor Day)?
4. In the grain offering, only the priest ate a portion of the sacrifice. What is significant about the worshipper being invited to eat a portion of the fellowship offering?
5. Why were the ancient Israelites commanded to not eat blood (see Leviticus 17:11)? What does this prohibition convey about the sacredness of life?



Wrap Up:

Share any final thoughts and close in prayer.