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Interactive Sunday School Outline

TOPIC: Fire and Incense: The Cost of Serving God

TEXT: Leviticus 10:1-20

Instructions - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction - Let's be honest. Leviticus is not the world's most exciting read. Few Christians include it in their Bible study or devotional reading. However, it's an important book that helps us understand, like no other book, the holiness of God. As we read about the sacrifices and the priesthood, we see that leadership in the service of God is serious business. Two of Aaron's sons die because of their unauthorized conduct before the Lord. As Moses provides guidance to Aaron and his two remaining sons after their loss, we learn a great deal about the importance of character and calling for God's leaders. Read Leviticus 10:1-20.

Discussion Questions:

1. Spend time reflecting on those attributes. What aspects of God's character fill you with awe? How has that sense of awe shaped your awareness of God's presence.
2. Overall, what is your first reaction to this passage?
3. How does Moses respond to the deaths of Aaron's sons (vs. 1-3)? What insights do these very hard words provide into what it means to be a "servant-of-the-Lord" leader?
4. Moses tells the grieving father and remaining sons that they too might die if they engage in traditional mourning rituals, though their relatives and the rest of Israel can (v. 6). Why do you think Aaron and his two sons are not allowed to mourn for their sons/brothers?
5. What might be a few of the thoughts and emotions hidden behind Aaron's silence (v. 3)?

6. In verses 8-11, God lays out another expectation of Aaron and his sons as they lead. How have your thoughts and actions been shaped by God's expectations of you?
7. Perhaps you're familiar with a church that demonstrated a healthy process of accountability, forgiveness, healing, and restoration in the case of a leader's sin. If so, describe what it was like. If not, in what ways do you think the process of accountability and forgiveness might impact a congregation?
8. What difference could it make in our lives and leadership to think of ourselves first as servants of God and then as leaders?
9. The high expectations of the priesthood were not without their advantages. What benefits do Aaron, and his sons receive from their service (vs. 12-15)? What benefits do you receive from your service to the Lord?
10. What insight do we gain into Moses' character as Aaron's sons continue to struggle with their privileged responsibilities (vs. 16-18)?
11. What practices could help us grow in humility as leaders, and protect us from seeking to gain power or from abusing it?