



LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Encounter*

Scripture: *Various Passages*

Date: June 15 & 16, 2019

Message: *Making Offerings
to God*

—[LET'S START]—

What is your biggest home repair disaster story? Have you ever made a mess of something while trying to do things your own way? If you could talk with your younger self, what is one thing that you would tell yourself that you wish you had done differently?

—[LET'S TALK]—

1. **GRATITUDE AND PRAYER:** What happened last week for which you are thankful? What challenges do you see in your life? Your family? The World? As a group, take some time to pray. Thank God for the beautiful ways that He has been at work, and pray about the challenges that those in your group are currently facing.

2. Pastor Dale talked about three types of offerings that the Israelites of the Old Testament made to God each day. Read Exodus 29:38-46. This is a passage that speaks of the TAMID offering.

Pastor Dale said that the purpose for all these sacrifices was to remind the Israelites of God's holiness and their unholiness! What does God's holiness mean to you? Read 1 Peter 1:16. What does it mean to you that you can be holy as God is holy?

3. Jesus hung on the cross for six hours. He was crucified at 9:00 in the morning and hung on the cross until 3:00 in the afternoon when he died. As Jesus was hung on the cross with the first sacrifice of the lamb, He died with the sacrifice of the second lamb. And just as the death of the second lamb indicated the end of sacrifices, so did Jesus' death. His death meant the end of all sacrifices forever! So in every way Jesus is the Tamid. Because Tamid ultimately means continual, daily, perpetual, always and forever. Jesus is our once and forever Tamid!

Reflect upon this truth as a group. How does this help your love for Jesus grow?

4. Khataah is the Hebrew word that is used in the OT for Sin. In the NT the Greek equivalent is Hamartia. Read Matthew 1:21 and 1:29. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. How did Jesus deal with our sin?

5. The word Asham means "The Guilt!" Jesus made His life a guilt offering for our sin. Read Isaiah 53:10. What events in the crucifixion does this passage foretell?

—[LET'S ACT]—

Read 2 Samuel 24:24. How does the king's offering to the Lord resemble the attitude that we should have when making offerings to God? This week, pray that God would help us to understand the sacrifice that Jesus paid for us in a new way. Pray that we would live our lives as an offering to God.

—[SERMON REVIEW]—

- “We want to believe that what is done is not always done, that the broken can be fixed, the ravaged restored...that you can have another swing, can wipe the slate clean, can go back to square one.”
- As someone has put it, “We ache to become pure again!”
- What can a person do when they live with regrets and the painful reminder of them every day? Can we unsin our sins? Can we live as though the mess never happened?
- To answer that question we'll focus on three Hebrew terms:
 - Tamid (Exodus 29:38-46)
 - In order for Israel to dwell in the presence of God they had to make atonement for their sins by offering various sacrifices of which these two lambs were significant! The purpose for all these sacrifices was to remind the Israelites of God's holiness and their unholiness! They had to understand the seriousness of their sins and what it cost.
 - In every way Jesus is the Tamid. Because Tamid ultimately means continual, daily, perpetual, always and forever.
 - Khataah (Matthew 1:21, John 1:29)
 - Khataah is the Hebrew word that is used in the OT for Sin. In the NT the Greek equivalent is Hamartia.
 - Khataah has a double meaning. It means the sin offering but also means the sin. Jesus becomes the very thing He takes away!
 - Asham (Isaiah 53:7-12)
 - Asham refers to one of the guilt offerings that was offered to the Lord. The guilt offering did what it says it removed, the guilt of the one offering it.
- If God has perpetually forgiven you (Tamid) and removed your sin by literally taking it from you (Khataah) and has even become and removed your guilt, regrets and shame Asham then you're as free as a person can possibly be, not only that but you've been unsinned! It's as though you've never made a mess.

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