

## **October 26 - Fig-uratively Speaking**

**Read Part Four Chapters 6 & 7 in the book "Multiply"**

1. Explain what you already know about the Old Testament sacrifices. Have you ever thought of Jesus's sacrifice in light of the Old Testament sacrificial system? How so?
2. Why was sacrifice an important theme in the Old Testament?
3. Summarize the role that sacrifices played in the way Israel related to their God.
4. How should the Old Testament sacrificial system put our sin into the proper perspective?
5. Read Leviticus 16. What stands out to you from reading this description of the Day of Atonement?
6. What does the Day of Atonement teach us about the nature of sin and the reality of forgiveness?
7. How should God's emphasis on the heart of the worshipper affect the way we approach God in our worship and in our everyday lives?
8. Read Hebrews 9:11–10:25. In light of what you've studied about the Old Testament sacrificial system and what you read in Hebrews, how does the Old Testament system of sacrifice and atonement help us to better understand the significance of Jesus's death?
9. Spend some time in prayer. Ask God to affect your heart with the significance of the sacrifice that Jesus offered on your behalf. Ask God to break your heart over the sin in your life. Ask Him to give you the strength and motivation to identify and uproot that sin. Pray that your life would be the "living sacrifice" that Paul described in Romans 12:1. And most of all, thank God for sacrificing Jesus as a substitute for you.
10. Why is the presence of God so important for humanity?
11. Read Exodus 25:8–9 and 17–22. What is so significant about the tabernacle and the ark of the covenant?
12. Read Exodus 33:1–6. What makes this such a devastating pronouncement for the Israelites?
13. Consider God's presence in your own life. How would you respond to the prospect of God's blessing apart from God's presence? Forget about how you "ought" to answer this, try to answer honestly.
14. Read Exodus 33:7–23. What stands out to you about Moses's response?
15. As you think of the experiences Moses and Israel had with God, how might it affect the way you interact with God?
16. Read 1 Kings 8:1–13 and 27–30. What does this passage reveal about God's glory and the significance of God's dwelling among His people?
17. Read 1 Kings 9:1–9. What does God's warning to Solomon teach us about what it means for God's presence to dwell in the midst of His people?
18. How does what you have studied thus far help you understand the significance of God becoming man in Jesus and of the church being identified as a dwelling place for God?
19. Spend some time in prayer. Ask God to help you understand the significance of His presence on earth, and to help you live together with the other Christians in your life in a way that reflects His presence and glory in your midst.