

THIS IS ABOUT THAT





All of Scripture is inspired, but if we're honest, much of the Old Testament (OT) can be hard and confusing. In this series, we'll look at some of the more obscure OT passages that teach us truths about who God is and what He has done. We will see how Israel's historical events, OT sacrifices, and religious holidays all point toward Jesus.

As you may know, in the New Testament, we have the writings of the Gospels. These Gospels teach about the *manifestation* of Jesus. Jesus has arrived. The book of Acts teaches on the *proclamation* of Christ. The apostles were boldly speaking about Jesus' death and resurrection. The epistles were letters to various churches teaching on the *explanation* of Jesus. The apostles wanted all believers to know not just what Jesus accomplished, but what this means for us. The last letter (Revelation) ends by letting us know what lies ahead. It's the *consummation* of Jesus. But what most people don't realize is that the entire OT is the *anticipation* of Jesus. It's pointing us toward the One who is to come.

Let's dig in and see how This is About That!

We encourage your group to spend some time allowing people to share what they learned from God's Word in their own personal time. Enjoy your time with your group and enjoy your time with Jesus.

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Why use this guide?

To Pursue God // Immersed in Scripture

- We desire to pursue God in order to learn more about who He is and what He is doing among His people.
- Through this guide, we pursue God in the study of His Word, prayer and community.

To Pursue Others // Engage One Another & Our Community

- God has enlisted His people to love, serve and reach those who have not yet submitted their lives to Him.
- A spiritual community willing to embrace this call takes intentionality. Find a group where you can be known, encouraged and challenged to love God and serve our community.

To Practice His Ways // Adopt the Lifestyle

- As disciples of Jesus, we desire to live and look like Jesus. In our current culture, this can be difficult and confusing, but Jesus promises "my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:30) There is something about practicing and submitting ourselves to Jesus that awakens compassion for those who are far from Him. Join with others in their pursuit and practice in order to live the lifestyle of Jesus.

Pursue God

It's one thing to simply read Scripture, but when you interact with it, when you learn to slow down to REALLY read it, suddenly words start popping off the page and you are able to dig deeper into Scripture and "see" more than if you simply read the verses.

Explore Scripture

- What do you see in the verses that you're reading?
- Who is the audience?
- Is there a repetition of words? What words stand out to you?
- Is God communicating: (1) A Truth to Believe (2) A Promise to Claim (3) A Command to Obey or (4) An Example to Follow?

Apply

- What is God saying to me today?
- How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life?
- What is God calling me to repent of?
- What is God calling me to believe or trust Him to do?

Respond

- Pray God's Word back to Him.
- If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it.
- Confess if He has revealed some sin in your life.
- Praise and thank God for what He has done and will do in your life.

Pursue God

Read: Numbers 21 (NIV)

Explain/Explore:

Apply (What did I learn about God or myself?):

Respond (Pray):

Practice His Ways

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Use the following as a model to create a daily gratitude journal.

Choose 3 different things each day.

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Pursue Others

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1. Why did God send the serpent to bite the people? What does this say about God?
2. How did the people escape judgment? What was required?
3. How is this event about Jesus – This about That?
4. Are any of your current circumstances displeasing? Is your displeasure leading to defiance and disobedience or to dependence?
5. “We only find life when we look to Jesus.” What are some things you have looked to this week in the hope of finding life, comfort, satisfaction?

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Who in our church family will you write or call this week?

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Read: Numbers 16

Explain/Explore:

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1. Imagine you are talking to a 3rd grade student; how would you describe what a mediator is?
2. In Numbers 16:1-3 people are angry at Moses. Who is angry? Why are they angry?
3. How does the plague in Numbers 16 stop? How does someone receive life and escape judgment?
4. How is this event about Jesus – This about That?
5. “You don’t come to God on your own terms.” What does this mean? What are some examples of our culture approaching God on their own terms? Are there ways you do this?
6. What happens when we don’t approach God on His terms? What does this say about God?

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1. What is the importance of sacrifice? Did Old Testament sacrifice save? If not, why not?
2. What does the sin offering say about God?
3. What is done with the sacrifice after blood is applied to the altar?
4. How is this sacrifice about Jesus – This about That?
5. Is there any sin in your life that does not seem like a big deal? Share your reasons for this with your group.
6. Consider James 5:16 with your group. What does this look like now in your group? How would you like it to look? If you would like to change, make a plan for that.
7. What are some ways that Jesus' sacrifice is superior to the old covenant sacrifices?

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1. What is Yom Kippur? Why is it important?
2. What things in your life cause you to think more highly of yourself?
3. Why were two goats needed? What did each goat symbolize?
4. How is this festival about Jesus – This about That?
5. Is there sin you struggle with over and over? Discuss the tension between this reality and Hebrews 10:17-18.
6. What are the primary truths God has communicated in Leviticus 16 and through the Day of Atonement?

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1. What is significant about the burnt offering?
2. Read Ephesians 5:1-2. What is Paul communicating about Jesus and why is this significant?
3. Read Romans 12:1-2 in light of the burnt offering. What is Paul trying to teach those who follow Christ?
4. How is this offering about Jesus – This about That?
5. Why do you think a burnt offering is always given in addition with the sin offering? What is this communicating to God?
6. What are you holding back or not willing to give to God?
7. What would people close to you say you devote yourself to? What are you devoting yourself to?
8. How can you and your family practice being a burnt offering this week with each other? What about with neighbors?
9. How could Leviticus 1:1-17 be considered a gospel invitation?

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