
Getting Started

What does it take for you to miss work? a social event? church?

What makes events easy or hard to miss?

Into the Bible

Read Deuteronomy 12:1-7. What is one of the attractions of the “high places” (v. 2)?

What is a major inconvenience of ‘the place the Lord will put His name’ (v. 5)?

Whose dwelling is it (v. 5)?

We call church ‘God’s house.’ Do we treat it as such? In what ways do we act as if we expect God to actually be there? In what ways do we act as if we don’t actually expect him to be home?

Look at Leviticus 15:31. What was the consequence for approaching God’s tabernacle without attending to one’s ritual cleanness?

What sort of lesson might the modern church—no longer bound by the Levitical laws—learn from this?

Why was careful approach to the tabernacle so important?

Skim Leviticus 8:1-13. Why the detailed description of the priests’ ordination?

How about Leviticus 21:1-8. What was the purpose of these regulations?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:1. How is a pastor similar to an Old Testament priest?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:7. What is the downside of how the Lord has chosen to distribute His gifts? What’s the upside?

Digging Deeper

When you think about the reality of God being *present*, how does that change the way you think about church attendance?

When you think about the pastor being “the stewards of the mysteries of God” (though for sure still a sinner!), how does that change your attitude toward him?