



MOSES

OPEN

Have a group member read Exodus 27:20-30:10 aloud.

What is the most expensive outfit you have ever worn? Why was it so expensive?

REFLECT

Look again at Exodus 28-29, which describe the priests' preparation and consecration to service. What aspects of the process stand out to you? Why do you think God designed such an involved ordination process?

Imagine you are one of those about to become a priest, having just seen God deliver the nation of Israel. You witnessed the plagues and the parting of the Red Sea. God visited you and your people at Mount Sinai in a terrifying tempest of clouds, fire, smoke and thunder. How would you view the service you are about to perform for this God? What does the instruction from God indicate about the seriousness of the task? What emotions or thoughts would you likely have?

Read Hebrews 4:14-5:10. Have someone else read 7:23-28. Compare and contrast what you read in Exodus 28-29 with what you read in Hebrews.

APPLY

Though God declared all Israel to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" (Exod. 19:6), He still appointed a special group to a formal priesthood. How do you see this idea carrying forward to the New Testament Church?

What are some unhealthy ways we view our church leaders? How does knowing that Christ is our sinless High Priest forever free us to regard church leaders in healthy ways?

CLOSE

What attribute of God did you see in this week's passage that particularly struck you? How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?

TIME

Set aside a time during the week for your family to read Exodus 30:10 and Leviticus 16, the Day of Atonement, together and then discuss the following questions.

- The Day of Atonement was the biggest holiday of the year for Israel. It was the day when one lamb was sacrificed for the atonement of the people's sin. What might that holiday be pointing toward?
- Read Hebrews 10:19-22. Why do Christians today get to approach God with confidence, when in Exodus only the high priest could do it and only once a year? What difference does Christ's blood make?
- What would you say to someone who asks, "How good do I have to be to talk to God and expect Him to listen?"

MOMENTS

Leverage opportunities this week to remind your family that God Wants to Talk With Us. Pray at regular times together this week and as you are on the go together.

MILESTONES

How can you leverage big holidays in the year (including birthdays and anniversaries) to point your family toward Christ and His mercy?

***"There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory. I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests. I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God."* - Exodus 29:43-46**

