

Week 4 – The Holiness of God



Group Time

Be sure to keep an eye on your time allotment for each activity. Leaders guide the conversation, making sure everyone participates.

First-Third:

1. Member Care:

- a. Leader: Asks, “How is everyone doing?”
- b. Each participant offers a prayer request and a praise.

2. **Look Back:** Each participant shares (gives an account of) what or how they did on their “Look Forward” activity commitment from the last meeting:

- a. **Knowing God is sovereign, what did you do differently last week in your attitudes, actions and prayers?**
- b. **Did you pray your written prayer daily?**
- c. **In what ways did God respond to your prayer, how did it go?**

3. **Prayers and Praises** for what God is doing.



Second-Third:

1. **Look Up:** Read Isaiah 6:1-8

Watch this week’s video to cover the main point:

God is not like us, He is HOLY.

2. **Look In:** God is Holy, He is set apart, distinct, different, separate from us. While he isn’t cold and distant, He also isn’t small and familiar. Nothing is above Him and everything is for Him. We need to be careful never to trivialize or decrease His Holiness.

The encounter Isaiah had with God’s Holiness transformed him. He was all in; “Here I am! Send me.”

POINT: *How we respond to God’s Holiness determines how we will see Him.*

If we read the Bible only to “make our life better”, we are missing the point. His word should be revealing His Holiness more and more every day. The pursuit of God’s Holiness takes effort. We don’t just slide into it. We must pursue it! starting with repentance, we should work daily to fill our minds with the things of God.

Discussion Questions:

1. **How do we see God’s Holiness in our world?**
2. **Read Hebrews 12:14. How does a person’s holiness help others see God?**
3. **When we exhibit God’s holiness for others to see, does it motivate them to ask “why?”**

Final-Third:

1. **Look Forward:** What is something practical (measurable) I can DO before our next meeting, in obedience to the lesson?
 - **What is one thing you need to change to live a more holy life? There may be many... pick one.**
 - **What will you do this week to make that change happen? When will you do it? Where and with whom? Share your plan with your group.**
 - **Next meeting, be prepared to share how it went.**
2. **Practice:** If this step involves going someplace or committing to an activity, plan it out now. What is the schedule? If this step involves talking with someone (ex: sharing the Good News or asking for forgiveness), what will you say? Who will you say it to? Practice that now to get feedback and suggestions.
3. **Pray** for one another to be obedient to do this step, commissioning one another for the task. Praise God for speaking into our lives.