

Discussion Guide

Sincerely: wk3 Holiness

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Big Idea

We are God's children, and being a child of God changes our desires, and therefore, our behavior.

Icebreaker

Get in the time machine and go back in time. What is a healthy habit that your parent(s)/caregiver(s) tried to instill in you that, as a kid, you fought against, but see the value in now?

Discussion Questions


1. Read 1 Peter 1:13-17. What is the word found several times in this passage that explains the transformation of our desires & behaviors? What images does this word conjure up in your mind and (you can be honest here) are those images appealing to you or not, and why? Overall, do you think that the world finds this word appealing & why or why not?
2. Re-read 1 Peter 1:13. The sermon emphasized the idea in this passage of having "*minds that are alert & fully sober*". Does this wording communicate that our pursuit of holiness is going to be easy or hard? If hard, what specifically can that look like for someone? In your journey toward holiness what difficulties have you faced?
3. Re-read 1 Peter 1:14-16. From what these verses communicate, fill in the following blanks: 1) We are God's ch_____. 2) Being a child of God changes our d_____. 3) Being a child of God changes our b_____. Which of these three points is most difficult for you to embrace and why? Considering our desires specifically, what kinds of things should they increasingly be for as a Christian? What is an example of what that tangibly looks like?
4. Read 1 Peter 1:22-23 & 2:1-3. From these passages, that start by imploring us to have a sincere & deep love for our fellow human, what does having such a love look like; what does it include/not include? What is there a specific thing, or an area of growth, that you personally need to address upon being presented with the passages?
5. How are you becoming more like Jesus? How, as a Christian, have your desires changed? What would it mean for you to live a holy life? Is obedience to God somewhat naturally a challenging thing for you and why? What must we believe about God and place in Him in our pursuit of obedience?

Concluding Question

Share an Observation and/or an Application from your time this past week engaging with this Sermon Series' reading plan.

Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

 Prayer Pray that despite suffering the Body of Christ (locally, regionally, and globally) will remain encouraged and on mission to share the Gospel..