

Holiness Study #3

What Does It Mean to Be Set Apart and Holy as God's Children?

Holiness: A condition of purity or freedom from sin or of being set apart to special service.

God's Holiness: God's separateness from all else and particularly from all evil.

Intro: In what ways are you holy?

In John 17:6-26, Jesus prays for His followers in the Garden of Gethsemane. In verses 6-19, He prays for the disciples, that they would be kept set apart from the world as they remain in the world. In verses 20-26, He prays for future believers, that they would be unified.

John 17:6-19

Question #1: Why is it so important to be set apart from the world? What is the danger of living according to the standards of the world?

Question #2: Why is it so hard to be separate from the world? What has it look like in your life?

Question #3: Have you ever been "hated" because Jesus has given us God's Word (v. 14)? If yes, how so?

Question #4: If we're not of the world, why has Jesus sent us into the world (v18)? If we're not of this world and expect to be set apart from this world, how should we live our lives?

John 17:20-26

Question #5: How is Christian unity different from what you've seen in other contexts? Is this concept important to you?

Question #6: How can we utilize Christian community to share the gospel? What practical steps can we take to promote holiness and unity among believers in our community?

Application:

How can we as a group push you out of your comfort zone to be set apart?

What does holiness look like for you in the context of your work, school, relationships, church and family? Give an example and follow up during the week with small group.