



GROUP QUESTIONS FOR **MAY 10**

Series: *True Worship*

Worship and Holiness

Icebreakers!

1. Do you have a special place for work, or for a hobby, or for finding peace? What separates that place to be special for you?
2. What things strike you as *holy*? What thoughts or emotions rise when you dwell on that word?

Growing Together

3. How would you explain the word *holy* to a 5th grader? What's important to emphasize?
4. Why is it a GOOD thing that God is *holy*? What makes us reluctant to recognize God as holy – or keep us from seeing that God is holy?
5. How can God call us to be holy, when we struggle and fail to be holy? *Consider the following passages: Leviticus 11:44 • 1 Peter 1:16 • Isaiah 6:5-7*
6. How does God make us holy, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit? *Consider Hebrews 13:12 • 1 Peter 1:2 • Matthew 8:1-3 • 1 Corinthians 6:11 • 2 Thessalonians 2:13*
7. Why does it matter to the believer who keeps struggling with their fight against sin to cling to the promise that *God* makes us holy?
8. How can we pursue holiness together in the church *without* a “holier-than-thou” attitude towards others or one another?
9. How would we change for the better if we saw fellow believers in Jesus as “saints,” and the worship center as a “sanctuary”? What changes for the worse should we beware of?
10. **From the message this Sunday: What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? Where did you see the Gospel?**

Head, Heart, and Hands

11. “Strive for the holiness, without which no one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). Where has your mind been challenged to refocus on holiness? How will you keep that focus?
12. What has your heart traded holiness away for? What has your heart loved more than being holy and living a holy life? Will you call it an idol and cast it away for what it is?
13. How will the pursuit of holiness change the way you use your free time? What will you give up as deadening to your soul so that you can abound in holiness instead?

Leviticus 11:44-45

I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:14-16

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Isaiah 6:1-5

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Matthew 8:1-3

When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

Hebrews 12:14-16

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.