



To Be or Not to Be - Week 4 Be Holy, Not Worldly - Discussion & Reflection Guide

Questions and Prompts:

- **On a scale of 1-10, How comfortable are you with being different?** (One means you HATE standing out and ten means you NEED to be different and stand out.)
- **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs and the message? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Chip drew our attention to the word, "holy."
 - **When you hear the word "holy," what comes to mind?**
 - **Do you want people to think of you as holy?** Where do these feelings and associations come from?
 - **Did you discover any new meaning or understanding of the word, "holy," as you listened to Chip's teaching?**
- **Read Jesus' prayer for his followers in John 17:9-19.** Have someone read the passage out loud if you're in a group. (These verses are a section of a prayer from Jesus just before he was arrested and crucified; the full chapter of John 17 is the entire prayer.)
 - Is there a word or phrase that stands out from this passage?
 - What do you sense is on Jesus' heart as he prays for his followers? What is important to him?
 - How do you sense Jesus speaking to you through his words?
- In the message, Chip shared that one of the most frequently used names in Scripture for Christians is "saints" or "holy ones." It's a reminder that Jesus has made us holy. Our lives and the way we live them are different from the world. **How does knowing that Jesus has made you holy impact how you view your life and your way of life?** How does this comfort you and how does it challenge you?
- Chip shared, "His [Jesus'] work in our lives is what makes us truly different." **How can you welcome and participate with the work of Jesus in your life this week?** Get practical.
- **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Message Main Points & Scripture

- **“Christians are to be IN the world but NOT OF the world.”**
- John Mark Comer: *“Much of what our generation calls ‘culture,’ Jesus and the writers of the Bible call ‘the world’ – a system of ideas, values, practices and social norms that are institutionalized into a culture that is organized around rebellion against God and the redefinition of good and evil.”*
- John 17:14-17 – “The world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to the world just as I do not belong to the world. Make them holy by your truth; your word is truth.”
- “Make them holy by your truth...”
- **Holy**
- **God is Holy.**
- **Is holiness about purity?**
- **“Holy” = Different**
- 1 Peter 1:15-16 – “But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, ‘You must be holy because I am holy.’”
- **“Christians”**
- **“Believers”**
- **“Jesus-followers”**
- **“Brothers”**
- **“Saints”**
- **“Saints” = “Holy Ones”**
- 1 Corinthians 1:2 - “...to the church of God in Corinth, those made holy in Christ Jesus and called to be holy ones...”
- Ephesians 1:1 – “...To the holy ones who are at Ephesus...”
- Philippians 1:1 “...To all the holy ones in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi...”
- **Jesus has made you holy.**
- **Everyone believes that some ways of living are better than others.**
- **We believe there is a best way.**
- **His work in our lives is what makes us truly different.**