

Group Questions- *Holiness: Week 1*

10/22/23 – Pastor Kirby

Getting to Know Me Questions:

- Do you have a favorite sports team? If so, which one? Do you have any of their “gear”?
- If you’re in a group come up with 3 categories (literally anything). And try to find the best one in that category.

Into the Bible Questions:

- What’s something from this week’s teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?
- **QUOTE:** “In our minds, holiness is usually about what we abstain from. But Jesus saw holiness as what you give yourself to. Namely, mercy, love and hospitality. In the end, the holiest people are the ones who love well.” Pastor Rich Villodas
- What is your reaction/thought to this quote and idea? Why? Describe it.
- Pastor Kirby gave the definition of our Holy God as “Other” or “Different”. Do you think that’s a definition that works? Why or why not?
- If you had to define it or try to describe a Holy God, simply, how would you do that? Would a non-Church person understand it?
- **READ:** Exodus 3:1-6
- One of the ways in which we pray for and ask God to interact with us is through the “extraordinary” acts – such as a burning bush. Why do you think it is that this is what we all long for so often?
- **READ:** Exodus 15:11
- Does it seem odd that they would sing/say ‘who is like you’? Have you ever prayed/sang/danced with this idea?
- **READ:** Jeremiah 9:23-24
- According to this what are we to boast about?
- Based solely on how you spend your time, what would you say is the most important thing in your life? (Most of you, the answer is “work”. Makes sense, but what’s next?)
- Who is someone in your life that you need to intentionally connect with this week?

Application Questions:

- Create a list of the characteristics and values of God, as many as you can think of. Then think about how many you can identify with. The ones that you see in your own life.
- As you watch or think about your favorite sports team(s), think about how that is similar or dissimilar to the way you experience God.

Holiness

Week 1: God = Holy

Word/Idea: Holiness

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Pastor Rich Villodas

Leviticus 11:45

⁴⁵ I am the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.

Exodus 3:1-6

¹ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

Exodus 3:6

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Exodus 15:11

¹¹ Who among the gods
is like you, Lord?

Who is like you—
majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory,
working wonders?

Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³ This is what the Lord says:

"Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength
or the rich boast of their riches,

²⁴ but let the one who boasts boast about this:
that they have the understanding to know me,
that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness,
justice and righteousness on earth,

for in these I delight,”
declares the Lord.