

A COMMUNITY OF HOLINESS

John 17:14-19

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. HOLINESS REQUIRES DEVOTION TO GOD'S WORD
2. HOLINESS REQUIRES DEVOTION TO GOD'S MISSION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. What has it been like for you at Severn this past year and a half? What has it been like as you've tried to reestablish community with your local church?
3. The two main ways that we get the idea of holiness wrong in the church are 1) **syncretism**- blending with the world around us to the point that there is no discernable difference and 2) **irrelevance**- exclusively inward focused to the point we don't know the questions and concerns of the world around us or how to communicate the gospel to our culture. Which of these two mistakes have you experienced most in your own life and church experience? Why are they both equally wrong?
4. What does it mean to be devoted to God's Word? What are some implications for this in your daily life?
5. What does it mean to be devoted to God's mission? What are some implications of this in your daily life?
6. Jesus challenged both the religious and the irreligious ways of life while He was here. Instead, He presented a "third way" that wasn't simply a middle ground, it was something different all together. What are some ways that this "third way" of living could apply to our lives today? What would it look like as we consider hot topics like justice, politics, cancel culture, patriotism, racial tension, etc.?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Jesus didn't fit into the categories of His day, as His followers, neither should we.