

A GOD WHO IS HOLY

Joshua 5:13-6:5

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. WHAT THE BIBLE MEANS WHEN IT TALKS ABOUT HOLINESS
2. WHAT THE BIBLE IS CALLING US TO BE WHEN IT CALLS US TO BE HOLY
3. WHY AND HOW WE CAN BE HOLY

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. This week's message was about God's holiness. What comes to your mind when you think of holiness? Did you learn anything about holiness this week?
3. God is holy. This means that He is incomparable, He is perfect and He doesn't fit into any of our categories. When Joshua encountered the Holy God he fell down and worshiped. How has the holiness of God impacted you?
4. For us to be holy doesn't simply mean we need to be moral. It means we are exclusively devoted to God and entirely distinct from the world. What are some ways that we, as the church, could be distinct from our culture today? What are some things that hold you back from being fully devoted to God?
5. Pastor Ryan spent some time walking through five ways the early church was distinct from the world they lived in. The church was 1) Multi-racial 2) Famous for how they cared for the poor 3) Committed to the sanctity of human life 4) A sexual counter-culture and 5) Forgiving, even of their enemies. Why do you think they were distinct in these specific ways? How do we make sure we are distinct for the right reasons and not being weird or obsessed with our own agendas?
6. The pharisees show us that a person can be extremely moral and still be extremely unholy at the same time. How then are we supposed to be holy?
7. **BAPTISM:** We are planning to do baptisms on Easter! Have you been baptized? If not, would you be interested in being baptized on Easter? Do you have any questions about baptism?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Jesus is the only reason we can be in relationship with a Holy God.