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# *Holiness Unwrapped*



LEARNING TO BE WHAT  
GOD WANTS US TO BE

A FIVE-PART SMALL GROUP SERIES



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## GOD WANTS US TO BE HOLY

### CONNECT

Here are some questions to us started:

- If you were given £1,000 but needed to spend it all in a day how would you spend it?
- If you could try anything and know you would succeed, what would you attempt?
- What was the highlight of your week this week?

### INVOLVE

Spend some time brainstorming the qualities you love most about God. Make an extensive list. Once you've finished, spend some time praising and thanking God, specifically covering the things on your list.

### WATCH

Now watch the teaching video before proceeding to discuss the questions below. You can find the video at this link - <https://bit.ly/holinessunwrapped>

### DISCUSS

*The word 'holiness' appears more than 1000 times in the Bible. It's clearly important to God. This week we will focus on the command to be holy, and why God commands it.*

- What words come to mind when you think of holiness?
- What sorts of people come to mind (e.g. monks, the pope, church leaders, someone's grandma)?

Read out the following Scripture verses:

- Romans 12:1
  - Hebrews 12:14
  - Psalm 24:3-5
  - 2 Corinthians 7:1
  - Ephesians 1:4.
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- What stands out to you the most from these Scriptures?



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- In these Scriptures, how many reasons can you find for being holy? (E.g. So we can spend eternity with him, it's a way of worshipping God, it was God's plan that we would be holy, because Jesus made it possible, so that we can be useful to God). Can you think of any other reasons?
- How comfortable do you feel to describe yourself as holy?

*Do you want to know what holiness is? It is pure love. Do you want to know what the baptism of the Holy Ghost is? It is not a mere sentiment. It is not a happy sensation that passes away in a night. It is a baptism of love that brings every thought into captivity to the Lord Jesus (2 Cor. 10. 5); that casts out all fear (1 John 4. 18); that burns up doubt and unbelief as fire burns tow; that makes one "meek and lowly in heart" (Matt. 11. 29); that makes one hate uncleanness, lying and deceit, a flattering tongue and every evil way with a perfect hatred; that makes Heaven and Hell eternal realities; that makes one patient and gentle with the sinful; that makes one "pure ... peaceable ... easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James. 3. 17); that brings one into perfect and unbroken sympathy with the Lord Jesus Christ in His toil and travail to bring a lost and rebel world back to God.*

From 'Helps to Holiness' by Samuel Logan Brengle.

## APPLY

- How does this match up to how you usually think of holiness? Is there anything about his definition that surprises you?
- Have you experienced something that fits this description yet?
- Do you think it would be possible for someone to experience this by trying hard?

Now that we have established clearly that God wants us to be holy, you're probably hungry to know how we experience it!

- How could you experience holiness this week?





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