

GOD IS HOLY

Discipleship Guide #13/14

TODAY'S GOAL

- That the student(s) would grow in their love for and understanding of God's holiness and its implications for our daily lives

OPEN IN PRAYER

- Pray together and ask God to prepare your hearts to hear from His Word today.

EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF LEARNING ABOUT GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

- Set the foundation for why you are studying the attributes of God. First, read **2 Pet 3:18** together. Then, in your own words, explain the following truth: *what we believe changes how we live* (feel free to share an example). *Therefore, what we believe about God will change the way we think, speak, and act.* Finally, share with your student(s) one way you were change by a growing trust/belief in the character of God during a particular moment of your life. Maybe resting in His sovereignty brought you through a deep depression or growing in understanding of His personability deepened your prayer life. This will give them tangible hope to change themselves!

IDENTIFY YOUR STUDENT'S CURRENT UNDERSTANDING

- Engage in an initial conversation about what it means for God to be holy. These questions are meant to promote discussion and evaluate where your student(s) is currently at in their understanding. You have complete freedom to use some/all of the questions.
- Discuss: **What does the word "holy" mean?** After discussing the question, share the following:
 - The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "holy" as "exalted or worthy of complete devotion as one perfect in goodness and righteousness; devoted entirely to the deity or the work of the deity". The Bible uses the word "holy" to describe something or someone that is perfect, righteous, and/or set apart (i.e. consecrated) for God.
- Discuss: **What does it mean for God to be holy? Is anyone besides God holy? Explain.**
- Discuss: **How do we know that God is holy?**
- Discuss: **Would God still be God if He was not holy? What would happen if God was not holy?**
- Discuss: **Where do we learn about/know who God is?**

LOOK FOR GOD'S HOLINESS IN SCRIPTURE

- For this portion of your time you will walk through the following key Scriptures with the student(s). Have the student(s) read one key Scripture at a time and discuss the following question after each key Scripture: **What does this Scripture teach us about God and His holiness?** Each key Scripture has a brief explanation of the truth about God attached for your help to guide your student(s) with further questions when needed.
- Key Scriptures:
 - **Exodus 15:11; Job 34:10; Matthew 5:48; Isaiah 47:4; Ephesians 1:3-10; Revelation 4:8.**
- The following are a few extra Scriptures you can use depending on your time:

- **Psalm 96:9; Hebrews 12:14; Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 1:15-16.**
- End this portion of your time by discussing: **Based of the previous key Scriptures, how would you define God's holiness?** After hearing their thoughts and asking any follow up questions needed, explain to the student(s) how theologically, God's holiness means that every part of His character and being is holy. Every attribute of God is holy. God's love is holy. God's grace is holy. God's mercy is holy. God's justice is holy. Because God is perfect and good in all that He is and does, He is also perfectly holy.

DISCUSS HOW WE CHANGE IN LIGHT OF GOD'S HOLINESS

- The goal of this time is to help identify areas in your student's life where they struggle to believe/trust in God's sovereign nature. If you know of a particular area in your student's life that may contribute to this struggle, consider gently bringing that up with them and asking how what you learned today may help them in that area of their life. DON'T FORGET to share your answers to the following with the student as well. The student(s) isn't the only one who struggles to believe in God's holiness in their life fully 😊.
- Discuss: **Why does it matter that God is holy?**
- Discuss: **How might knowing that God is holy affect how we view the world, the way we live, and or our confidence in God/His Word?**
- Discuss: **What is one area of your life that might change if you believed God to be Holy? How might that area be affected by a deeper understanding of God's holiness?** Ask follow up questions to your student(s) on this one to help them identify any area of their life in which they have either ignored God's holiness or proved a lack of belief in Him as such.
- Discuss: **How have you grown in your understanding of God from today?**
- End this time by asking the student(s) if they have any questions.

DISCUSS THE GOSPEL IN LIGHT OF GOD'S HOLINESS

- Share the gospel in your own words and how we go about becoming holy as God is holy, not by our own ability, but by the blood of Jesus. Romans 3:23 and 1 Cor 5:21 may be great Scriptures to reference.

CONSIDER OPTIONAL HOMEWORK:

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CLOSE IN PRAYER

- Pray that we would better understand of and find hope in God's perfect holiness. Also, that we would desire to know Him more and make Him known in our life.

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