
Study 3- Praying For Holiness

Introductory Question

1. **If you were to describe a holy person, what would you look for in them – what would your expectations be?**

Observe

2. **What does the New Testament scripture have to say? Discuss or record what you see/hear in the following verses.**

Romans 6:22

Romans 12:1

2 Corinthians 7:1

Philippians 2:5

Hebrews 12:14

And from the Old Testament, check out Psalm 139:23-24

Understand

3. What is holiness, or to be holy? Leviticus 20:7

(Different versions will use different words what do you think the words consecrate and sanctification mean?)

4. Can seeking perfect behaviour make us holy? Why, or why not? (1 Thessalonians 5:23, 2 Thessalonians 2:23)

5. What might Jesus have been thinking when he asked God to make his followers “*holy by your truth*”? (John 17:17)

6. What do you think of from reading Philippians 1:9-10? (also 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13)

What really matters?

What is the result?

7. Discuss the fruit of the Spirit as a possible expression of what holiness might look like in the life and actions of the church? What might change around our attitudes and behaviour towards one another?

8. Other verses to consider for discussion (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12, Hebrews 13:20-21)

Apply

9. Consider one area that you can pray into regarding holiness for yourself that would impact the lives of those around you? (Don't be afraid to be honest with yourself – there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus)

10. Consider an area to pray into for the church (the body of believers) that would help us to bring honour to Jesus and fruitfulness in our witness.

11. We do not agree on everything. Thinking about the fruit of the Spirit, pray about how our response to diversity and different opinions might look as a people together in holiness.

A parting prayer from Paul (Acts 20:32)

And now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself.