

God's Holiness *IN US*

Nehemiah 3:1-5
Isaiah 26:1-2

1. The ministry of rebuilding the covenant people of God was done by the **people of God as a whole**. (*Isaiah 4:2-6*)
2. There will be a day when **all people** will be called holy. God's **holiness** will rest on **all people**. (*Zechariah 14:20-21; 2 Corinthians 3:18*)
3. Every **Christian** has a **ministry**.
4. We are all **one**. (*Matthew 11:11; Ephesians 1:15*)
5. When you become a Christian, your experience of grace goes all the way to the **bottom**. That is your **foundation**.
6. As a Christian, you **identify** with other Christians more than all the other layers of your identity.



Taking it further to help you THRIVE...

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Reading Isaiah 26:1, it says, "We have a strong city; God makes salvation its walls and ramparts." What do you think that means, and how does that verse affect you?
3. When looking at the concept that God's holiness will reside in you (Isaiah 4:2-6), what does that mean to you? How does that affect your daily life?
4. Read Matthew 11:11. Discuss what you think it means that "...whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven will be greater than he?" In what ways are we greater than John the Baptist?
5. In the lesson we spoke about layers of identity. In your group, talk about your various identities. Who do you identify most with? What does it mean when we say your experience of grace goes all the way to the bottom, and it is your foundation?
6. In Nehemiah 3, we looked at the many times the words "next to" was used. Goldsmiths were next to perfume-makers, men of high status were next to merchants, young daughters were next to older prominent men. This went on and on throughout the chapter. Discuss how that would have worked? What problems did they have to work out to make that work? What lessons can we learn from that concept?

