

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Holy Should Or Holy Spirit – Kim May  
8 February 2026  
Sermon Text: Acts 3:1-10

## AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

## MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week, in his message entitled **Holy Should Or Holy Spirit**, Pastor Kim explores the idea that we pile on ourselves expectations and burdens we were never meant to carry. And often we pile those same expectations and burdens on others. In this message we are challenged to move beyond the “Holy Should” and instead, be led by the Holy Spirit. Let’s get going and find out more.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. What is something that stood out to you from Pastor Kim’s message this week?
2. In his message, Pastor Kim gives us this definition: “Holy Should” - an internal belief system that drives people to labor and depend on themselves rather than love and depend on the Holy Spirit.

So the question is, “Are you “Holy Shoulding” on yourself? Do you have high expectations on what you think you should be doing? How does that make you feel?

3. When we rely on the “Holy Should”, we don’t allow the Holy Spirit to work and do what “could” be done. Peter and John could have what was expected, the “Holy Should”, and given money to the beggar. Instead, they allowed the Holy Spirit to work and the beggar was healed.

Are there times when we engage with the “Holy Should” instead of relying on the Holy Spirit to guide us? How do you think we can avoid the “Holy Should”?

4. You can’t have Jesus as your friend until you have Him as your Savior. How does this statement seem to go against how the world looks at Jesus and the idea of being a Christian? What do you think about this statement?

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is your favorite board game or game to play with family and friends?
2. What is your favorite BBQ place in the KC area?
3. What is your favorite Winter Olympic sport to watch?

5. We need to learn to discern from our own inclination (“Holy Should”) and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Kim gave us three ways this happens:
- A. The Bible. The Word of God. This is the primary way to discern between the “Holy Should” and the Holy Spirit.
  - B. God’s voice. God’s voice will never supplant the scriptures. Seek and listen.
  - C. God’s people. We need to talk to and listen to the counsel of godly people.

What do you think of these ways to discern between the “Holy Should” and the Holy Spirit? How have you experienced any of these in your own life?

6. “Holy Should” statements:

- A. Toward ourself
- B. Toward others
- C. Toward our leaders

How might we have experienced or used these types of “Holy Should” statements? What are some things that have been said by you or to you? If you were on the receiving end of a “Holy Should” statement, how did it make you feel? If you ever spoke a “Holy Should” statement, do you think the person receiving it might have felt the same way you felt when you received a “Holy Should”? Do you think that realization should cause us to think more before speaking?

### **APPLICATION**

Take some time this week and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal a “Holy Should” statement you have made to yourself, others, or our leaders. Maybe the Holy Spirit will direct you to go to that person and ask forgiveness. Be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and move away from the “Holy Should”.

### **COMING UP**

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

**The Call – Men’s Breakfast**, 21 February, 9:00-11:00 am, New Wine Church Building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave, Gladstone, MO. Men are invited to The Call – Men’s Breakfast, a special gathering for men to connect, grow, and be refreshed. There will be powerful ministry, heartfelt prayer, and an inspiring devotion to encourage you in your walk. And don’t worry about breakfast—food will be provided, so come hungry and ready for fellowship. Don’t miss this opportunity to recharge and strengthen your faith alongside other men! See you there!

### **FINAL THOUGHT**

**You can’t have Jesus as your friend until you have Him as your Savior.**