
BE HOLY – PART 2

*“What comes into our minds when we think about God
is the most important thing about us...”*

- A.W Tozer

Because God is Holy...

1. **GOD IS** _____.

[1 Samuel 2:2](#), [2 Samuel 7:22](#), [Isaiah 40:25](#), [Jeremiah 10:6-7](#), [Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

2. **GOD IS TO BE** _____ **AND** _____.

[Isaiah 8:13](#), [Revelation 4:8-11](#)

3. **GOD HAS** _____ **AND IS** _____ **HOLY.**

[1 Peter 1:15-16](#), [1 Corinthians 1:2](#)

*PRAY FIRST 2022 – 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting. www.mainstreetchurch.ca/pray-first

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: PRAY FIRST 2022

Message: BE HOLY – Part 2


Speaker: Shawn Vandop

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Connect (25min)

*Break into groups of 3-4 for this segment of Life Group.

- *PRAY FIRST - 21 days of Prayer and Fasting.** *Continues until Sun. January 30th.*
 - How is the *Pray First* experience going for you so far?
What are you hearing, learning, and praying about? Share some highlights or challenges.
 - Visit www.mainstreetchurch.ca/pray-first for info, daily devotions, and other resources.
- OPEN UP** --  Read [Philippians 4:4-9](#), Respond to the Questions & Pray for One Another.
*Respond with short or one word answers. Even the first thing that comes to mind.
 - What is one truth about Jesus that fills you with JOY? (v.4)
 - Being completely honest...what is one thing you've worried about this week? (v.6)
 - What is one thing you need from God this week? (v.6)
 - What is one thing you're thankful that He's done? (v.6)
 - What is one thing that is *true, honourable, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praise worthy*? (v.8)
 - What is one thing you've learned lately that you need to put into practice? (v.9)

*Give thanks to God and pray for one another.

Message Discussion (45min)

1. HOLY GOD IN THE WHOLE OF LIFE

How do you see or think about the Holiness of God in these areas of life?

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| *The Created World (Nature) | *Music & Art | *Academics | *Family & Friendship |
| *Recreation & Laughter | *Your Work or Service | *Suffering & Death | *Another area...? |


2. THOUGHTS ON THE HOLY

*Shawn used this quote by [A.W. Tozer](#), who said:

“What comes to mind when you think about God is the most important thing about you.”


- What do you think of this statement?
- If a Kindergartener asked you to describe God (briefly), what would you say?

3. WORD UP



-  Share the Reading of [1 Samuel 2:2](#), [2 Samuel 7:22](#), [Isaiah 40:25](#), [Jeremiah 10:6-7](#).
- What do these verses tell us about God? (*That He is different from us. Set apart, unique, etc.*)

4. DIVINELY DIFFERENT


I. Shawn said that **because God is holy – He is DIFFERENT.**

- a. Why must God be different for Him to be holy?
- b. Who is someone in your life (friend, author, teacher, etc.) who has made God believable to you? What was different about their life that increased your desire to know God and to become more like Him? Would you describe them as holy?
- c.  Read [Isaiah 6:1-8](#)
 - i. This vision given to the *Prophet Isaiah* illustrates just how different God is from us. What was Isaiah's response to what He saw? What did he realize about himself? (see Isaiah 6:5)
 - ii. Have you ever had this kind of response to God's holiness? Discuss.

II. Shawn said that **because God is holy – He is to be FEARED and WORSHIPED.**

- a.  Read [Isaiah 8:13](#)
- b. The best way to understand the fear of the Lord is to understand His holiness. Shawn used the illustration of the Ocean to try and explain what it means to love God and fear God. (*He loves the ocean, sitting on a beach, reading a good book, splashing in the waves. But he also has a fear of the ocean because of what it can do. Waves that crash and tides that can pull you under and out to sea. This fear is not cruel or evil, but it is a fear that stands in awe.*)
- c. With that in mind how does God's holiness lead us to both love and fear Him. What does that look like practically in your life?
- d.  Read [Revelation 4:8-11](#) out loud while everyone else closes their eyes and listens. As you listen, watch for the paradox of love and fear as John receives this vision of the holiness of God. We see how a holy God is the One we are to fear **AND** the One we are to love and worship.

III. Shawn concluded by helping us understand that **because God is Holy – He has MADE YOU HOLY and is MAKING YOU HOLY!**

- a. What is your initial response to this truth? Does this encourage you?
- b. What is the theological term that describes the process of God making us holy? (Sanctification).
- c. Why do you think God made **becoming holy** a process?
- d.  Read **2 Peter 1:3-7**

What does this passage tell us about God's part in our sanctification?
What does it tell us about our responsibility?

Application & Prayer (15min)

APPLICATION

What would it take for you to have a greater fear and awe for God in your life?

What steps is God asking you to take in your journey of sanctification?

What is one thing you can do this week to ***be holy***?

Use what God shows you as points for prayer for one another.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER:

**Break into groups of 3-4 or Men & Women for Prayer*

**In response to Sunday's Message, God's Word, and our Discussion...How can we Pray for you today?*

RESOURCES

YouTube Video: [The Bible Project - Holiness](#)

Books:

**[Holier Than Thou: How God's Holiness Helps Us Trust Him](#), Jackie Hill Perry.*

[Interview with Jackie Hill Perry](#). www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/jackie-hill-perry-holiness

**[The Knowledge of the Holy](#), A.W. Tozer.*