

More GOD Please

Holy and Just

ISAIAH'S CALL TO MINISTRY (ISAIAH 6:1-4)

- ▶ Isaiah 6:1 - *In the year that King Uzziah died...*
- ▶ 2 Chronicles 26:4-5, 8
- ▶ Vision of God's Holiness (also see Revelation 4)
 - GOD: High & exalted on His throne
 - SERAPHIM: (Strange) 6-winged, angelic creatures
 - TEMPLE: Violently shaking & filled with smoke

GOD IS HOLY

- ▶ Initial human response to God's holiness
 - Isaiah 6:5; Luke 5:8
- ▶ Root idea of the word "HOLY" – _____...
sacred, set apart, sanctified, consecrated for a special purpose
 - Isaiah 59:2; 1 John 1:5
- ▶ Examples of Holy Separation: Israel, God's Name, Sabbath, Temple, Priesthood, Sacrifices & New Testament Believers

GOD IS JUST

- ▶ JUSTICE = To treat all things _____ & _____ what is _____
- ▶ Doing what is _____ = Doing what is _____
- ▶ God's justice/righteousness means that God always acts in _____ with what is _____ & is Himself the _____ of what is right
- ▶ Examples of God's Holy Justice in action
 - Worldwide _____ (Genesis 6-8)
 - Destruction of _____ & _____ (Genesis 18; Genesis 13:13; 18:20)
 - _____ of Israel (2 Kings 25; 2 Chronicles 36)

- Condemnation of _____ (& Other Rebellious Angels) (Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28; Revelation 12)
- _____ of the (Entire) Human Race (Revelation 20:11-15)

PRINCIPLE #1: God's holiness & justice _____ that He _____.

PRINCIPLE #2: God's holiness & justice _____ that a place like _____ exist.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT US? (How Then Shall We Live?)

- ▶ Two kinds of holiness for humans... we need them both!
 - ① _____ (imparted) holiness – _____ this! (2 Corinthians 5:20)
 - ② _____ holiness – _____ this! (Hebrews 12:14; Leviticus 11:44; 2 Corinthians 7:1)



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LifeGroup Discussion Questions—1/30/2022

Prayer

Take a few moments to check in with your group and reconnect. How can you pray for one another during this time?

My Story

Have you ever been hand-picked for something? Maybe you were the first kid to be picked for a basketball game, a teacher honored you for a reward, or a boss recognized you for your efforts, etc. Name a time where you felt special and recognized apart from your peers.

Digging Deep

- 1) *“The heaviest obligation lying upon the Christian church today is to purify and elevate her concept of God until it is once more worthy of Him.”* (Knowledge of the Holy, A.W. Tozer). Why is it so important that we think rightly (i.e., clearly and correctly) about God’s attributes?
- 2) **Read Isaiah 6:1-4.** Describe in your own words what you think Isaiah actually experienced that day. How do you personally comprehend the magnitude of God’s holiness?
- 3) **Read Luke 5:8 and Isaiah 6:5.** How does the average non-Christian respond when they hear of God’s holiness in comparison to these two verses? How would you respond to someone who is lukewarm about the majesty and holiness of God?

Digging Even Deeper

- 4) God is just. God’s attribute of justice tells us He will treat all things fairly and do what is right. How would you expect a just God to handle the evil in our world?

- 5) **Read Genesis 18:25 and Revelation 20:11-15.** God’s eternal attribute of justice dictates that all sin must be punished. Why is it important that ALL sin is punished (including yours), and not just the really bad sins like murder, adultery, etc.?

- 6) **Read Romans 3:23-26.** How does the death of Jesus Christ reflect God’s justice? Why is it so miraculous that our sins have been paid for by Jesus’ death and resurrection?

Taking it Home

- 7) A just judge has a standard by which he/she judges. Our society today is obsessed with subjective moral truth. How does this contrast with the objective moral standard set by God?
- 8) The root meaning of the word “holy” is separation; sacred or set apart for a special purpose. God is set apart from sin because of His holiness. The Christian and the Church are also called to be holy (1 Peter 1:16). If we are called to be set apart from sin, how does that change how we should live? Share specific ways you strive to develop personal holiness.
- 9) How does the holiness and justice of God magnify the GOOD in the good news of the gospel of Christ? How would you share this with someone who has doubts about God’s character?

Praying Together

Pray with your group that you will sincerely internalize the holiness and justice of God. Ask God to allow these truths to affect the way you worship Him and live your lives.