



Group Discussion Guide: God Is Holy | August 22, 2021

Begin with Scripture, silence + prayer (5 minutes)

Read Psalm 99 to begin your time together. This series is all about the character of God, so use this Psalm to open your time together to help get your minds thinking about God's holiness!

When you're finished reading, spend 2-3 minutes together in prayerful silence. Know that God is in your midst. Where two or three are gathered, so too, is God there. This time and space is sacred. It's valuable. It's not a waste.

Finally, after a few moments of quiet centering, have a specified person in the group pray for your time together.

Split out into triads and recap last week's devotionals (30 minutes).

- As you think over your past week, what words, phrases, Scriptures, etc. have stood out to you? What was the most significant thing? Why?
- Which day of devotions was your favorite? Why?
- Did you sense any action steps from God this past week as a result of your reflections?

Come back together as a large group, read Scripture, and debrief the sermon as one large group (45 minutes).

- What stood out from your smaller group discussions from your devotions this past week?
- When you think of the character of God, does "holiness" come to mind? Why or why not?
- Why do you think that holiness gets a bad reputation in our culture?
- Why might it be a good thing that God is holy? That He is different than you? Why might that be good for our world?
- **Read the sermon passage from this weekend (Isaiah 6:1-8).** What is the response of Isaiah and the cherubim to God's presence? With what kind of disposition do you come



into God's presence? Is it one that respects his holiness? Is it nonchalant? Some other way?

- How do you balance coming to God as the loving Father that He is while also keeping at the forefront of your mind that he is holy, transcendent, and totally "other" from you and me? Are those two things mutually exclusive? Why or why not?
- In his sermon, Dan stated that, "When we see God in His unveiled holiness, out of necessity, every illicit and competing claim for supremacy in our lives will be dethroned and God alone will be left in his rightful place...Instead of God being fit into your agenda, God *becomes* your agenda." How have you seen this to be true in your life? Where would you like to see an increase of holiness in your own life?
- Do you feel tempted to only compare your righteousness and holiness to the people around you? What happens when you try and measure up to God? In what ways has a revelation of God's holiness revealed your inadequacy?
- In what ways might a fresh vision of the holiness of God be the impetus for you to serve him?
- How does God's holiness lead to the cross of Jesus? How is his holiness on display even as Jesus dies for us?
- What kinds of things do we need to put in place in order to create a culture where each of us desires holiness and where we can always push one another to be holy as the Lord is holy?

Finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes)

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.