

Fellowship Group Homework & Discussion

Getting Started

1. Think of a time when you were in the presence of somebody who you thought of as a spiritual giant. How did it make you feel? Did it intimidate you or draw you closer to that person?
2. What one idea impacted you the most from last week's sermon?

Going Deeper

3. Read **Exodus 20:18-21**

- ◆ What was the people's response to the holiness of God?
- ◆ What was Moses's response to the holiness of God?
- ◆ What accounts for the difference between these two reactions?

4. Read **Isaiah 6:1-7**

- ◆ What is the historical context that would cause fear or uncertainty (see v. 1)?
- ◆ What is the true reason why somebody in Isaiah's shoes should feel uncertain or fear (see v. 5)?
- ◆ Have you ever had a time when you have been overwhelmed by God's holiness? Describe that time.
- ◆ What allows Isaiah to stay in God's presence (see vv. 6-7)?

5. Read **Hebrews 10:19-22**. We just saw what God did to allow Isaiah to stay in God's presence. What has God done that allows us to enter into and remain in God's presence?

6. Read **1 Peter 2:4-12**

- ◆ What descriptive terms does God use to describe Christians (see vv. 4-9)?
- ◆ Do any of these take you by surprise? Which of these descriptions impact you the most at this time?
- ◆ What contrasts are drawn between our past and our present (see v. 10)?
- ◆ Based on these things, how does Peter say that we should live (see vv. 11-12)?

7. Is it hard for you to accept God's description of you? Why or why not?

8. If you lived out this perspective in your life, what would change?

9. If you lived this out, how would this impact your oikos?

10. A key purpose of our Fellowship Groups is to provide accountability.

To help with that, discuss the following questions:

- ◆ Have you been making it a regular priority to attend a Sunday morning worship service?

- ◆ Have you been faithful in making Fellowship Group attendance a top priority?

- ◆ Are you praying regularly for the members of your Fellowship Group?

- ◆ Are you caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in your Fellowship Group?

- ◆ Are you taking steps to become more transparent with your Fellowship Group?

- ◆ Are you serving regularly in one area of ministry, preferably in your area of giftedness?

- ◆ Are you maintaining your Oikos list?

- ◆ Are you praying regularly for your Oikos list?

- ◆ What have you done this last week to reveal God to at least one member of your Oikos?



Baby Names

"Holy"

Luke 1:35

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