

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GROWING IN HOLINESS
Until He Comes | 1 Thessalonians — Week 5
1 Thessalonians 3:13

ICEBREAKER: If you had the talent to play a professional sport, which one would you select?

OVERVIEW: The days are evil. The world we live in is filled with sin. What is now normal is sinful: Premarital sex, cohabitation, sexting, pornography, adultery, cheating, lying, stealing, drunkenness, profanity, dishonoring parents, etc. Anyone not living this way is weird. But God has called His people to be different. This is what holiness means. The word holiness literally means to be different, set apart, separate. God wants us to imitate His moral character rather than follow the current of culture. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to grow in holiness.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Do you think it is harder to live a holy life today than 100 years ago? Explain.
3. What's the hardest thing about pursuing holiness?
4. What is so bad about sin?

5. Read Romans 12:1-2?
 - a. What is commanded in verse one?
 - b. What does it mean to be a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God?
 - c. What does verse one say about worship?
 - d. What is commanded in verse two?
 - e. What does it mean to not be conformed to this age?
 - f. How can we be transformed?
 - g. What does it mean to renew our minds?
6. Read 1 Thessalonians 3:13 and refer to Sunday's sermon.
 - a. What are some of the truths about holiness in this verse?
 - b. What does it mean for your "heart" to be holy?
 - c. What does it mean to be holy "before our God"?
7. What is one thing you need to do immediately to grow in holiness?

The Last Word: "Beware of ever supposing that you may go too far in holiness." J. C. Ryle

