

REVIVAL

REKINDLING FAITH

GO FURTHER | MAY 1 | A LONGING FOR HOLINESS

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- WHAT ARE AND WERE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES AS A 20 YEAR OLD? DO YOU STILL DO THEM TODAY? WHY OR WHY NOT?

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- Read 1 Peter 1:13-16. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- How would you define holy for someone who doesn't go to church?
- What does it look like to live and to be holy?
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- Read Colossians 3:17. What words or phrases stand out to you?
- How can we resist the temptation to act differently around different groups of people and be the same person following Jesus in all of them?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- Methodists had their first beginning on a college campus. Wesley gave a sermon called "The Almost Christian" challenging people to be all-in for Jesus.
- Review the two sets of beliefs. Which one is Christianity? What is the difference between the two?
- 1. A god exists who created and orders the world and watches over life on earth – 2. God wants people to be good, nice and fair to each other, as taught in the Bible and by most world religions – 3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself – 4. God is not involved in my life except when I need God to resolve a problem – 5. Good people go to Heaven when they die.
- 1. A living God exists who created the world and is still active today – 2. God wants people to give up everything to be like Jesus – 3. The central goal of life is to pursue holiness, to be more like Christ – 4. God is involved in every aspect of my life everyday – 5. People that desire to be with God in this life will continue to be with God in the next.
- Holiness means completely yielding your life to God, a desire to become like Christ in heart and actions, acts of compassion for others, and a resolution to live one's life for God's glory. What's one step you can take in holiness this week?

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Lord Jesus, we are both inspired and intimidated by the example of Wesley and the first group of Methodists at Oxford so long ago. May we take a step of holiness, towards you this week, so that we can see all our deepest longings do find their home, their ultimate satisfaction in you. We want to be a people that love God fully and love neighbor completely. Show us what that looks like in our everyday lives. In your resurrected name we pray, Amen.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- For more on holiness, check out this 5-day devotional: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/26028-holiness-living-distinctively>