

Be Holy — Week 2 Discussion Guide

Main Idea: Your identity in Christ should shape the way you live. We do not pursue holiness to earn God’s love — we pursue holiness because we already belong to Him.

Icebreaker

What is one hobby, team, job, or community you’ve been part of where people could quickly recognize “one of their own”? What made that identity noticeable?

Read Together: The First Epistle of Peter 1:13–25

Discussion Questions

1. Identity Shapes Behavior

Peter teaches that who we are affects how we live.

- What are some identities people commonly build their lives around today?
- How can those identities shape behavior, priorities, or attitudes?
- Why is it important to understand that Christians obey God from belonging, not for belonging?

2. “Prepare Your Minds for Action”

Peter says believers should be intentional and spiritually alert.

- What do you think it means to “prepare your minds for action” in everyday life?
- What are some things that cause believers to spiritually drift?
- How does fixing our hope on Christ help us resist temptation and old patterns?

3. Holiness in Everyday Life

Peter says, “Be holy in all you do.”

- When people hear the word “holy,” what misconceptions sometimes come to mind?
- What does practical holiness actually look like in daily life?
- Which area is hardest for you personally: (speech, attitudes, forgiveness, thought life, priorities, relationships, or something else?)

4. Remember What It Cost

Peter reminds believers they were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ.

- Why do you think remembering the cost of salvation matters?
- How does gratitude change the way we approach obedience?
- What is the difference between serving God out of obligation versus worship?

5. Holiness Shows Up Through Love

Peter connects spiritual transformation with sincere love for others.

- Why is loving difficult people often one of the hardest parts of following Jesus?
- What does “love one another deeply, from the heart” look like practically?
- How can a small group/church family better reflect this kind of love?

Application

This week, ask yourself:

> What identity is shaping my life most right now?

is it success, approval, fear, comfort, politics, achievement, or my identity in Christ?

> What is one practical way I can live more intentionally as someone who already belongs to Jesus?

Pray Together