

LIVING AS A SOJOURNER

1 PETER

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1 Peter: Holiness & Hope |

Text: 1 Peter 1:13-21

Read together as a group the text we looked at Sunday. 1 Peter 1:13-21

When you think about someone being “holy” what do you think about and who do you think about?

When you think about chasing after holiness personally how challenging does that seem? Go ahead and use a scale of 1-10!

When God talks about being holy He talks about two things, **being pure** and **being set apart** for special use. In reality both of these aspects of holiness are for you! **Is this how you would have defined holiness before reading this passage or hearing this message?**

There is a natural drive to “be better” in life but when left to ourselves we tend to be drawn to destructive patterns. **Why when we want to be better are we drawn away from holiness and toward selfishness?**

Holiness matters and God calls us to holiness because...

1. *He relates to us as a Father. // When we spend time with our Heavenly Father we will become like him. He also is not just around us He is in us.*
2. *He is the ultimate Judge. // We will give an account of our lives. God clearly calls us to holiness and that means standards that he sets.*

Of these 2 ideas, loving Father and holy Judge, which one are you drawn to?

What will happen when we embrace one side of God and ignore the other?

We pursue holiness two ways...

We **prepare our minds** to pursue holiness, and **check our ambition** to make good things more important in our lives than following Jesus.

What would it look like for you to practically live this out in your life?

Close allowing people to process as a group one of these questions then pray together that God will help you pursue holiness and maturity!

What do you have in your life right now that if taken away would lead you to question God’s goodness?

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What good thing do you place your hope in to bring happiness?