



Session 5 – Pursuing Holiness in Christ

Session 5 Video Notes

Positionally, we're _____. We are _____. We've been declared righteous. This is all because of the work of Christ.

_____ and holiness are not at odds. They go together.

God's _____ for our lives involves the pursuit of holiness.

Walk in _____, _____, and _____.

Love involves compassion that leads to _____.

The Christian is not just to _____ darkness. We are to _____ darkness as well.

We walk in wisdom by being filled with the _____.

Group Discussion:

1. In the video Tony mentioned two types of holiness that we should keep in mind anytime we read a passage in the Bible about holiness.

- What are they? Which of the two types does Ephesians 4-5 address?
- Which of the two types should define your identity? Why?

(When it comes to holiness, our culture often thinks of a caricatured holier-than-thou type of person. But Scripture paints a different picture.)

2.What are some common cultural misconceptions of holiness?

(Some people believe we find holiness when we isolate ourselves from others and from the world.)

3.Why is isolationism not the same as holiness? How did Jesus demonstrate perfect holiness even while interacting with sinners?

4.Tony said, “The reason there’s no little happiness in our world today is there’s so little holiness in our world today.” What did he mean? Do you believe that? Why or why not?

5.Our culture confuses love with four ideas: lust, tolerance, everything, and a feeling.

- Why is each of these not true, Christ-honoring love?
- How do we love?
- Read Ephesians 5:2.
- We love “as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.” Love involves compassion that leads into action.

6.Based on this Scripture, what’s a biblical definition of love?

7.Be honest. When you think of the word love, what do you tend to think? Have you ever loved someone with a biblical kind of love?

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8. Read aloud Ephesians 4:19-32 together as a small group. As you read, notice the sins Paul listed.

- Pursuing holiness means identifying sinful behaviors and attitudes so that you can apply the put off/put on principle. As God exposes sins in your life, you have the opportunity to put off those sins and, in their place, put on character traits that honors God.')
- What sins listed in this passage do you need to repent of?

9. Tony said in our pursuit of holiness, the three ways we're to walk are in love, in the light, and in the wisdom. What does it mean for you to live a holy life in each of the previous three ways---

- At school?
- On the job?
- On your team?