

## 2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1 Study Questions

What comes to mind when you hear the word “holiness”?

Notice who Paul calls to holiness in 7:1. Even in the midst of a hostile culture, he’s challenging himself and the Corinthian church to holiness. As Christians, we can stand up for truth and holiness, but why is it important that we first “cleanse ourselves”?

How do rival affections hinder our relationship with God and other believers?

**Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

As we run the race of faith, how does sin weigh us down and prevent us from running well?

Scripture calls both individuals and the church community the ‘temple of God’. Why is that significant theologically and practically?

Paul’s encouragement for the church to be holy is in “light of these promises” (7:1). How do the promises promote, encourage, and/or lead to holiness?

**1 Kings 18:21 And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word.**

Elijah cuts straight to the chase. Notice the similarity between what he says and what Paul says. They both follow an “if . . . then” logic. If these promises are true...if the Lord is God....then cleanse yourselves...follow Him.

What have been some defining faith moments when you’ve reached the same conclusions, where your understanding of God changed the way you lived?