#

October 16th, 2016 1 Peter 1:14-16

**Set-Apart**

1. We have lost our hunger to be exceptional.

*As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.* **1 Peter 1:14**

1. God calls us to be people set apart.

*But just as he who called you….* **1 Peter 1:15**

1. God’s character and actions are holy.

*But just as he who called you is holy…* **1 Peter 1:15**

1. Raise your standard of who you can be- don’t settle.

*…so be holy in all you do. For it is written, “Be holy as I am holy.”*

**1 Peter 1:15-16**

 September 18, Philippians 4:6-7

 2016 Mark 4:35-41

Action

**Begin each morning with this prayer:**

*Lord I am in awe of your holiness*

*Make me holy as you are holy*

*I will live a life set-apart for your glory.*

*Amen*

**Read study verse for the day.**

**Mediate on these questions:**

Where have you settled for status quo in your life?

What does a set-apart person look like to you?

If God’s character and actions are holy and he calls us to that, how should that change the way we act?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Psalm 22:3**
* **Tuesday Revelation 4:8**
* **Wednesday Isaiah 6:3**
* **Thursday Psalm 71:22**
* **Friday 1 Samuel 2:2**
* **Saturday Isaiah 40:25**

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**Hebrews 4:12**

October 23rd, 2016 Psalm 51:10-12

**The Lure of Holiness**

1. Most of us have a desire to be a good person.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.* **Psalm 51:10**

1. When we walk apart from God we will not understand the lure of holiness.

*Don’t cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.*  **Psalm 51:11**

1. Relationship with God will foster an understanding of holiness.

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation…* **Psalm 51:12**

1. Our will alone will not bind us to God, we need his strong power to hold us close.

*And grant a willing spirit, to sustain me.* **Psalm 51:12**

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When have you felt far from God? Close?

How do you foster your relationship with God? What would you need to go deeper?

How much do you rely on you own will to do the ‘right’ thing? What if you began to depend more on God?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Leviticus 19:2**
* **Tuesday 1 John 5:4**
* **Wednesday Psalm 51:10-12**
* **Thursday 1 Peter 2:24**
* **Friday 3 John 1:11**
* **Saturday 1 Thessalonians 4:4**

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October 30th, 2016 Romans 8:3-6

**Don’t And Do**

1. Rules, rules, rules!!

*For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.* **Romans 8:3**

**JESUS is the RULE!**

1. Holiness is more than just following rules- it is following Jesus!

*Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires.* **Romans 8:5**

1. The motivator must be Holy Spirit within.

*But those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.* **Romans 8:5**

**Ask: Does (did) this honor God? Others?**

**Or myself?**

1. There will be greater peace when we follow the Spirit’s calling.

*The mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.* **Romans 8:6**

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**Mediate on these questions:**

How has your desire to follow the rules been tarnished by bad motives?

What does it look like to follow Jesus today?

What kind of peace would you like to see as a result of holiness? Pray for it!

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Romans 8:1-8**
* **Tuesday Romans 8:9-11**
* **Wednesday Romans 8:12-17**
* **Thursday Romans 8:18-25**
* **Friday Romans 8:26-30**
* **Saturday Romans 8:31-39**

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November 6th, 2016 Colossians 2:6-8

**Holy View**

1. You believe, now receive his Lordship.

*So then just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord…*

**Colossians 2:6-7**

1. Your foundation in Christ will inform your worldview.

*…continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him…* **Colossians 2:7**

1. Testing your faith will strengthen it, resting your faith will weaken it.

*Strengthened in the faith as you were taught…* **Colossians 2:7**

*See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy…* **Colossians 2:8**

1. Beautiful things come from thankful hearts.

*...and overflowing with thankfulness.* **Colossians 2:7**

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**Mediate on these questions:**

Have you received Christ as Lord? How does that change your life?

Does the way you view the world come from scripture or something else? Why?

How will you live a life overflowing with thankfulness?

Study

*(Weekly Readings that are related to the sermon theme)*

* **Monday Colossians 2:6-8**
* **Tuesday Colossians 2:9-15**
* **Wednesday Romans 12:1-2**
* **Thursday Galatians 2:20**
* **Friday John 14:21**
* **Saturday 1 Corinthians 6:19**

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November 13th, 2016 1 Peter 2: 9-12

**Holy Nation**

1. Our affinities define our identity.

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession…* **1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)**

1. Our desire should be for the kingdom beyond the world we know.

*Friends, this world is not your home, so don’t make yourselves cozy in it.* **1 Peter 2:11 (The Message)**

1. A blameless life silences critics.

*Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior and they will give honor to God.* **2 Peter 2:12 (NLT)**

1. How to live blameless:

*Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.* **2 Peter 2:17 (NIV)**

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**Mediate on these questions:**

Do you find your first identity in Christ or somewhere else?

What in this world do you desire more than God’s kingdom? How can you change this view?

Which part of the living blameless verse is most difficult for you?

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* **Monday 1 Peter 2:13-17**
* **Tuesday 1 Peter 2:1-3**
* **Wednesday Romans 13:1-7**
* **Thursday Titus 3:1**
* **Friday 1 Timothy 2:1-3**
* **Saturday Daniel 2:20-21**

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