



## Sermon Discussion Guide for Groups

# “How to Be Whole and Holy”

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### Summary

*Have someone in your group read the following summary aloud.*

Pastor Daniel Grothe preached from Leviticus 19 about what it means to live holy lives outside church walls. He explained that holiness means being whole, healthy, and set apart for God's purposes. The sermon outlined five practical ways to live holy lives: honoring relationships across generations (especially elders), sharing resources generously with the poor and marginalized, celebrating racial and cultural diversity, conducting honest business dealings, and protecting the vulnerable. Pastor Daniel emphasized that true holiness is not just personal spirituality but communal care that transforms how we treat others, especially society's most vulnerable.

### Key Passages

- Leviticus 19:2-3

- Leviticus 19:9-10
- Leviticus 19:14
- Leviticus 19:32-34

## Opening Prayer

*Open your session in prayer, using the words below or your own*  
**Heavenly Father**, we come before You today with open hearts and minds, ready to receive what You want to teach us through Your Word. As we gather together as Your people, help us to be attentive to Your voice and responsive to Your Spirit. Lord, we ask that You stir up a hunger in each of us to live lives that are truly holy and set apart for You. Remove any distractions or preoccupations that might keep us from hearing what You want to say to our group today. Make us receptive to Your truth and give us the courage to apply what we learn. We pray this in Jesus' name, **Amen**.

## Getting Going

*Allow time for each member to answer the following questions before moving on.*

What's one tradition or practice from your childhood that your family did to show respect or honor to older family members or community elders?

## Discussion Questions

*Answer as many of these questions as time and interest allow.*

1. What does it mean to 'be holy as God is holy' in practical, everyday terms? How is this different from just following rules?
2. Pastor Daniel connected honoring parents with observing the Sabbath. How does regular church attendance help us care for one another across generations?
3. The sermon discussed 'leaving the edges of your field' as a principle of generosity. What are modern ways we can apply this in our lives?
4. How can we better honor and celebrate people from different racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds in our community?
5. What does it look like to conduct our business dealings and work relationships with complete honesty and integrity?
6. Pastor Daniel emphasized protecting and honoring the vulnerable. Who are the vulnerable people in your sphere of influence, and how can you better serve them?
7. How can we as a group commit to being 'the holy ones' (Kedoshim) in our community? What would that look like practically?

## **Making It Personal**

*Take the opportunity noted below to apply this week's sermon to your everyday life*

This week, identify one person in each of these categories and take a specific action: 1) An elder you can honor or serve; 2) Someone in financial need you can bless; 3) Someone from a different background you can welcome or celebrate; 4) A business or work relationship where you can demonstrate extra integrity; and 5) A vulnerable person you can protect or encourage. Choose at least one of these and follow through with a concrete action this week.

## **Key Takeaways**

*Commit to memory one point from the message before dismissing.*

- Holiness is not just personal spirituality but involves how we treat others in practical, everyday relationships.
- We are called to honor and care for elders across generations, which is connected to our commitment to regular fellowship.
- True generosity means not consuming 100% of our blessings on ourselves but leaving 'edges of our fields' for those in need.
- The church must always lead with compassion toward foreigners and outsiders, treating them as we would want to be treated.

- How we treat the most vulnerable in our midst is the truest measure of our fear of the Lord and our holiness.

## **Closing Prayer**

*Have someone from your group close your time in prayer, using the words below or your own.*

**Lord God**, thank You for calling us to be Your holy people, set apart for Your purposes. Help us to remember that holiness is not about perfection but about wholeness - being complete in our love for You and others. Give us eyes to see the elderly, the poor, the outsider, and the vulnerable as You see them. Make us generous with our resources, honest in our dealings, and protective of those who need our care. Transform our hearts so that we become known as people who reflect Your character in how we treat others. May we be the Kedoshim - the holy ones - in our community, bringing Your light and love to a broken world. We commit to living out these truths this week, trusting in Your strength to help us. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.