

**INTRODUCTION**

Last week we looked at love, God’s essential essence. As much as we like to celebrate this attribute of God, it’s also critical to understand that He is holy. God’s holiness is not a popular topic in our culture – perhaps because His holiness reveals all that all of our ‘goodness’ is like ‘filthy rags’ (Isaiah 64:6) before Him.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. A.W. Tozer said, “What comes into your mind when you think about God is the most important thing about you.” He goes on to say that the most revealing thing about the Church is her idea of God. What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you think about God? Did anyone say ‘holy’? Discuss with your group the implications your first idea of God has for your life.
2. Read Isaiah 6:1-5. List below what Isaiah experienced, and fill in the blanks below:

Isaiah saw and heard...

What this tells you about God...

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3. Read the following verses and share what you learn about God’s holiness:

Exodus 15:11: \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 40:25: \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 15:4: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is the definition of ‘holy’?

### Study Questions for Community Groups

5. Have members of your group read the following passages: Genesis 32:30; Exodus 3:6; Exodus 33:20; Judges 6:22-23; and Judges 13:21-22. What do these verses have in common?
6. Have you ever been really shaken up by a sense of God's presence and holiness? Describe what happened.
7. How does God's holiness affect your life?

### APPLICATION

What can you do this week to become more aware of God's holiness? In writing her book, Revive Our Hearts, Nancy Leigh DeMoss began to pray this prayer:

*Oh God,  
Show me more of Your holiness.  
Show me more of my sinfulness.  
Help me to hate sin and to love righteousness as You do.  
And make me holy as You are holy.*

Pray this prayer (or one in your own words) each day this week, asking God to show you more of His holiness.

### SCRIPTURE

*In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." Isaiah 6:1-5 (NIV)*