

Holy Unto the Lord

This two week series will dive deep into the profound concept of holiness - what it truly means and why it matters immensely. Week 1 will explore the essence of holiness, drawing from Scripture to define it, dispel common misconceptions, and exalt the transcendent holiness of our great God. Week 2 will then inspire us to embrace our high calling to live set-apart lives, examining how the Holy Spirit empowers us for this journey and unveiling the path to finding life's deepest fulfillment through holiness.

Week 1: God Is Holy (Emmanuel Dominguez)

1. How would you describe God's holiness in your own words? Follow up: The message highlights how acknowledging God's holiness is foundational to our view of Him, His kingdom, the world and ourselves. Why is grasping God's holiness so crucial?
2. Look at **Genesis 2:3, Exodus 3, and Exodus 19:5–6**. What do these verses teach us about the things or people God makes holy? How does this change your perspective on holiness?
3. Emmanuel pointed out that God's holiness is beyond moral perfection and is a symbol of His uniqueness and power. How does the explanation of God's holiness as being more than just moral perfection change or expand your understanding of God? Follow up: In what ways is God's holiness both life-giving and dangerous? What impact should this have on us?
4. **THE PROBLEM: Sin cannot exist in the presence of a Holy God. Read Isaiah 6:1-5.** Why was Isaiah's reaction an appropriate response to God's holiness? Follow up: ***The holiness of God should make us fear. Read Proverbs 9:10-12.*** What is the difference between a cowering fear & a reverence-producing fear of the Lord? What are some practical steps you can take to develop a relationship with God that is both reverential & intimate?
5. **GOD'S RESPONSE TO THE PROBLEM: He doesn't need to be protected from our sin, our sin is endangered by the holiness of God. Read Isaiah 6:6-7. *The holiness of God should make us draw near.*** How did Isaiah's encounter with God's holiness change him? How does God's holiness both reveal our sin and provide the means to be made clean?
6. **Read Isaiah 17:7-10.** What connection is made between turning to the Holy One and trusting/taking refuge in Him? How can focusing on God's holiness increase our trust and devotion? Follow up: How have you seen God's holiness both convict and attract you?
7. How can we apply the understanding that contact with the Holy One makes us holy in our own lives? What practical steps can we take to live in the holiness that God calls us to?

