

**HEBREWS 12:14** Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord

- *Recap: Last time, we discussed the idea God's call to holiness, is more a plea for intimacy with His children He desperately loves, than it is a call to a change of lifestyle.*
  - *God's purpose for His call to holiness, is that we'd be separate from anything that may come in between our relationship with Him.*
  - ***"Working out"*** your salvation means "living out" or "showing" and "bringing to the front" the salvation that's been deposited in you by God's incorruptible Word
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- This week, we'll look at holiness being jeopardized by the following things:
    - I. the cares of this world
    - II. the deceitfulness of riches
    - III. the desires for other things

### **MARK 4:1-19**

#### **I. The cares of this world**

- being concerned that God won't take care of us as He promised He would:

### **MATTHEW 6:25-34**

- Being overly concerned with things that have no eternal value

#### **2. The deceitfulness of riches**

- Riches become deceitful when we expect them to do, what only God can. For example, bring peace, joy, fulfillment
- Riches become deceitful when our affections are on them instead of Jesus
- Riches become deceitful when we become selfish, greedy or proud.

#### **3. The desire for other things**

- When we pursue other things so much that we don't seek the Kingdom of God first.

### **CARE GROUP DISCUSSION**

- I. Discuss what you would describe as cares of this world
- II. In what way can riches be deceitful?
- III. What are some of the dangers of desiring things?