HOLINESS SUMMARY (10)

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LEVITICUS 11:45 For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. **You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy**.

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

- Let's summarize everything we've discussed around holiness for the last few weeks:
- 1. Holiness is not something that can only be achieved one day in heaven but we're called to live holy lives here and now
- 2. Holiness means living pure separate lives and asking the honest question: "what does my life look like to others?"
- 3. Holiness means hating sin and not just fearing sin's consequences
- 4. Holiness means facing and overcoming our crisis' of faith
- 5. Holiness means living a lifestyle of prayer
- 6. Holiness means following Jesus even when others don't
- 7. Holiness means being enslaved to righteousness and being freed from sin
- **8.** Holiness is more a call to intimacy than a change of lifestyle
- **9.** Holiness can be hindered by the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things.
- If holiness means being separate, then what must we be separated for?
- All of Christianity can be summarized by these 2 concepts:

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MATTHEW 22:34-40(NKJV) "But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"

Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

THE GREAT COMMISSION

<u>MATTHEW 28:18-20(NKJV)</u> "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen"

- In looking at the ten commandments, (EXODUS 20:1-17) the first 4 deal with our relationship with God, the last 6 deal with our relationship with others
- In living out the great commandment, we honour the 10 commandments.
- Loving God honours the first 4 and our relationship with God

- Loving others honours the last 6 and our relationship with others.
- When we let the love of God truly transform us, we'll want to share this with others
- When this happens, we'll begin to fulfill the great commission.

CARE GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. Why do you think the lawyer wanted to know which is the greatest commandment?
- **2.** Why do you think Jesus answered him the way He did?
- **3.** What practical things can we do to be effective disciple makers and what role does our life's example play in this?