



## SERMON DISCUSSION PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE

*Holy Aspiration | Dave Cover | October 26, 2025*

### Experiments Review

- How did it go? What was challenging?
- What did you learn? About yourself and about God?
- What would you like to incorporate into your life going forward?

### Sermon Discussion

**Dave Cover:** "God's holiness is the idea of his being set apart and utterly other. It is his radiant, transcendent, righteous beauty—his glorious splendor—totally without any flaw or injustice or evil."

Read the following verses:

Isaiah 40:25

"To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

Exodus 15:11

Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

Leviticus 11:45

I am the LORD, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.

1. How is God holy in a way we can never be? And, how is God holy in a way we should be?

Read the following verses:

Acts 26:18

I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them [18] to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'



2 Corinthians 4:4

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2. How are we being tricked to live for something other than being holy?

Read the following verses:

Hebrews 10:10

And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:14

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

3. All of us have fallen for Satan's trick and become something other than what God made us for. What is the good news of what God has done for us in Jesus?

Read the following verses:

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control...

4. How is this description of holiness more appealing than the misconceptions that we tend to have? How can we see ourselves set apart to be different than who we have been or who the world wants us to be?

Read the following verses:

2 Timothy 1:9

He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

5. Holiness is also being set apart to live for God's purpose and mission into the world. How can we aspire to walk in the good works he has prepared for us in practical ways?



## Sharing and Prayer

Consider splitting into smaller groups (men and women or groups of four). In that group, share an area you would like to aspire to be holy- a trait like one of the fruits of the spirit or perhaps a place you would like to more fully live for God's purpose).

Pray for each other. Each person can pray for the person on his or her left.

## What to practice for next time...

Pick up the Experiment booklet for November next Sunday, 11/2.

- Week of 10/26- Holy Aspiration
- Week of 11/2- Rest

To access a digital copy of the experiments, use this QR code.

