



DISCUSSION GUIDE SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Dive In

Go around and let everyone answer...

If you could paint a picture depicting holiness, what would you paint and why?

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

- In what, or in whom do people place their hope today?
- How can we ensure our hope is resting squarely on Christ?
- What happens if we pursue a life of holiness without mindfulness of Christ's grace?

- In what ways is being called a foreigner, or sojourner unsettling? In what ways is it encouraging?

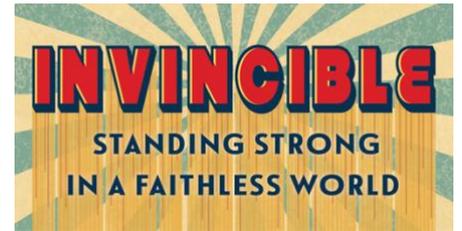
- By Christ's blood, God calls you "holy" before you ever mastered holy living. When have you received a title or position only later to be trained for the job?

- What must be removed from the human heart for love to be sincere? What must be added?

- Why would the world be angered by the holiness of the church?
- How does it make you feel that you might be perceived as a threat to many?

Do Big

- Share with the group an area in your life in which you would like to see more purity.
- Pray the Holy Spirit will do sanctifying work this week in your group.



Challenge

Think about your daily and weekly habits. Are there any that are sinful or preventing you from living a holy life?

Pick one of those bad habit to break, and start working on it this week. Here are some pointers:

1. **Know your "triggers" and avoid them.** For example, if you struggle with alcohol or food addiction, don't keep it at home.
2. **Replace your bad habit with a good one.** The important thing is that you make this decision ahead of time. Think of it as an "escape plan" for when temptation comes. If you struggle with any sort of addiction, choose a different activity that you enjoy like going for a walk, reading a book, journaling, etc.
3. **Assign yourself a "punishment" for repeating the bad behavior.** For example, if you struggle with swearing, your punishment could be to run a mile for every curse word you say. Ask someone you trust to be an accountability partner.

Weekly Memory Verse

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

1 Peter 2:1