

THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

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ROMANS 6

Introduction

1. _____ with Christ.

2. Stop Obeying _____.

- _____ your attitude toward sin
- _____ yourself of your new identity
- _____ God's Word
- _____ bad habits
- _____ daily

3. _____ yourself to God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Describe a time when you trained for something (e.g. a race, a new job, CPR, etc.). What was involved? What are the differences between training and winging it?
2. What does Paul tell us to train for in 1 Timothy 4:7? Why do you think this requires training?
3. Read 1 Peter 1:15. Does this command sound inviting to you? Why or why not? If holiness is becoming more and more like Jesus, what 3 traits of Jesus do you wish were more characteristic of your life?
4. What are the differences (per the sermon) between justification and sanctification? How is sanctification like farming?
5. How does Paul describe the process of sanctification in Ephesians 2:22, 24? Describe 3 traits of your old self that you need to "put off".
6. Read Romans 6:4, 5. What does it mean to be united to Christ in his death and resurrection? Paul says that we become united with Christ through baptism. What's the difference between baptism as an internal reality (see 1 Corinthians 12:13) and baptism as an external ritual?
7. Have you been water-baptized since surrendering your life to Christ? If not, what has held you back? If you have, describe the event. Is water-baptism necessary for salvation? Explain. Why is water-baptism so important?
8. How does being united with Christ help you pursue holiness? Describe a time when you experienced this.
9. Read Romans 6:11-13a. List the 5 R-word statements (per the sermon) that will help you stop obeying sin and explain why each one is important. Which two of these tips do you most need to apply? Why?
10. Read Romans 6:13b, 19. Explain how to pray the Body Parts Prayer. Consider the following body parts: eyes; mouth; mind; hands. What are some ways in which each of these parts might be offered as an instrument of wickedness? What are some ways in which each part might be offered as an instrument of righteousness?
11. How would serving in a ministry at Christ Community contribute to your pursuit of holiness (i.e. becoming more like Jesus)?
PRAYER PROMPT: Pray a "Body Parts Prayer." When it is each person's turn to pray, have them choose a part of their body as a prayer prompt. Repent of ways you have offered that part of yourself as an instrument of wickedness. Express how you will offer it as an instrument of righteousness. Depending on the size of the group, you may want to go around several times.