

# MESSAGE GROUPS - GROWN UP FAITH - WEEK 3 - FEBRUARY 24

### LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

This New Year's Series leans into the idea of an "Anti-Resolution". While there is benefit in our "I Can" attitude to lose weight or stick to a better budget, the real life change comes from the things that we can only do with God's help and power. God wants to take you on a journey to depend and trust Him more fully for the places in life where "I can't".

#### **ICEBREAKER:**

If you could go back to high school or college for one day, what would you do?

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Read aloud *Leviticus 11:44-45*. Sin clouds our judgement and makes us impure, yet God tells us to be holy. This command can seem out of reach because of our sinful nature and current culture.

- **Q:** Although we are products of the Fall in Eden, we are set apart through Christ and are commanded to be holy as He is holy. What do you think it means for us to be holy?
- **Q:** How can we be mindful of our actions and move toward looking more like Jesus?

The problem with becoming holy like God is that we don't always measure up. Although we are made in the image of a perfect God, we are far from perfect - this is where we need His help to be like Him!

• **Q:** Tell a story from a time you didn't measure up - whether it was with a relationship, at work, or at home. How did you respond?

In Exodus 25, the Tabernacle was created for God to dwell among them. It was given as an opportunity to walk through restoration with God. Although we don't have a ceremony to move from unholy to holy, we do have access to God and His grace to actively work in our lives.

• **Q:** How do you lean on God when moving through restoration? If you haven't experienced it in an area of your life, how do you think you can begin this process?

### CLOSE

In 1 Peter 1:13-16, we are called to be holy in all we do. This means reflecting God in both the private and public areas of our life. Our private moments of anger or "small sins " can be easy to breeze over. We often consider these moments casual, but they are not small in the big picture of being holy like God. Allow your group to reflect on this question.

As you close - give the group time to process this question privately or out loud as they feel led.

• **Q:** Where are you being casual with "holy"? What do you need to change in order to move from unholy to holy?



