



Elements: Repentance- A Response to Love

Week of July 31, 2022

Connect Group Discussion Guide

Elements is about taking the foundational doctrines of the church, making them personal, and understanding how they enhance our relationship with God.

- Circle Time: Share about a time that you had a goal that you achieved only because someone helped you.
 - Contrast how you felt before and after that person helped you.
- What is the Definition of Holiness? The Greek word, *hagios* carries the double meaning of “set apart to sacred use” and “morally pure, blameless in heart and life”
 - The basis for Peter’s command to be holy is found in God himself: “The holiness of God is the supreme motive for human holiness”. Believers are called to be holy because the one who called them to be his people is holy.
- Read 1 Peter 1:3-16.
 - After Peter has established the basis for the hope of salvation through Christ, he quickly calls his readers to make this hope a reality in the way they conduct their daily lives. They should conduct themselves as Holy because God is Holy. His line of thought is that living a holy life is a result of hope.
 - What are specific ways that a holy lifestyle reflects hope? What are some characteristics of living holy? Has trying to live holy ever made you feel hopeless? Is it even possible to holy as God is holy?
- The apostle Peter is the one who wrote this, “Be Holy because God is Holy. According to Dave’s message how was Peter successful and not successful at living a holy lifestyle?
- Peter was better at being Holy when he let Jesus lead him. When he tried to lead instead of Jesus is when Peter found himself faltering at holiness. How have you seen this principle at work in your own life?
 - Circle Time: Share about someone who is or has been in your life that you would consider to be holy? Was that person perfect?
 - Too often we equate holiness with perfection, but if a holy lifestyle is not about living perfectly then what is it actually based on?
 - All-ness of surrender. We are Holy because He makes us Holy. We are Holy when we let Him lead.
- Read Malachi 3:3. How does it explain how a person is purified? Who is the silver? Who is the silversmith?
- What this scripture is describing for us is the process of sanctification. What is the definition of sanctification? *Sanctification is the lifelong process by which the Holy Spirit perfects us. Literally we look more like God at the end of our lives than we do right now.*
- Inward reflection: Where in your life do you need to offer up to the Holy Spirit to be sanctified?