

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Holified, A Study in Leviticus, Part 10

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Small Group Essentials Training, Part II** – Saturday, May 20, 8-11:30 AM, includes breakfast. Topics to be discussed are Leading Difficult People, Effective Conflict and Confrontation, Leadership 101 – How Leadership Works, and Raising Up the Next Generation of Leaders. RSVP by May 12 to andrewr@therocksandiego.org or 619.226.7625 x242.
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MEMORY VERSE

- *But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”* 1 Samuel 16:7

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Getting Started

It seems like everywhere we look and listen, people are talking about living in a different kind of world. For example, American Idol presents us with the opportunity to live life as a singing star. Deal or No Deal lets us dream about life with a million dollars. The Da Vinci Code claims that maybe our faith has all been a lie and that Christianity is just one big cover up. Narnia claims it isn't and that there exists a world where faith triumphs.

The media offers us a variety of *different worlds* we can live in. When I listen to what the *world* is saying, I hear things like, “What we have been offered just isn't right. Things should be different. There's got to be more.” Do you hear these same thoughts? Where do you hear them? Who says them?

If you are like most people, you are tired! You have a lot of responsibility, a lot of bills, and a lot of people to care for in your life. If you are like most people, you need a vacation! If you are like most people, you want things to be different as well. Even Christians think, “Am I missing something?” Talk through these questions:

1. What in your life do you wish was different?
2. What would you change if you had the ability and opportunity to do so?
3. What are the things that bog you down?

Digging Deeper

4. The Bible says that we *were* created for something different. What do these verses tell us about God's purpose in creating us?
 - ♦ Jeremiah 29:11-13
 - ♦ Romans 12:2
 - ♦ I Corinthians 3:18-19

5. The Bible also tells us that we are different from the world that we live in, that we are created for a different kind of place. Read Philippians 3:20-21 and then talk about the following questions.
 - ♦ It's easy to understand the world's quest for something more after reading these verses. What do you think the world is looking for? What do you think you are looking for when you wish life was different?

 - ♦ What does it mean to have "citizenship" somewhere?

 - ♦ How does a "change in citizenship" change someone's life?

Bringing it Home

A citizenship in heaven means that we follow a different way of thinking about life. Pastor Miles taught us that when we are citizens of heaven we:

- ♦ Define ourselves by spiritual riches, not worldly possessions.
 - ♦ Develop a faith that dreams in color when everything is black and white.
 - ♦ Our guilt does not become our shame.
 - ♦ We can exercise our spiritual liberation amidst worldly limitations.
6. Consider at least one of these new approaches we follow as citizens of heaven. Which one, if you followed it with reckless abandon, would most change your life?

 7. What is preventing you from following that approach completely? What specifically can you do this week to follow that approach with reckless abandon?

 8. The world is desperately seeking something different. Think back to the beginning of this study. How does having a citizenship in heaven allow you to live in "a different world?" How does that world give you a new perspective on this life? How would you describe what you have to someone else who is seeking it?