

MC STUDY GUIDE

For the week of April 18, 2021

Sermon Series: FILLED
Series Description: Exploring the motivations and characteristics of a disciple of Jesus Christ
Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:13-19

1) Take a minute to share your highs and lows of your week.

Sermon Summary: God has called his children to be holy. Though we may associate holiness with self-righteousness, it actually means to be set apart; reserved for a special or specific purpose. Our holiness does not come from our own merit or ability but from the holiness of God. He makes us holy by his relationship with us and also calls us to grow in holiness. In essence, holiness means being completely given over for God's purposes above, before, and beyond our own. → Pastor Ryan shared three areas of our lives in which we are to develop: 1) In our minds (thinking and using reason to understand our faith), 2) Through our will (finding joy in obedience rather than fulfilling duty); 3) In our hearts (Learning to grow in awe and wonder of our Heavenly Father).

2) Take turns sharing insight, reactions, or questions about Pastor's Ryan's sermon from last Sunday.

3) In 1 Peter 1:16, Peter quotes Leviticus 20:7 regarding our responsibility to be holy because God is a holy God. What are some examples of God demonstrating his holiness in both the Old and New Testament?

4) Morality and holiness are connected but very different from each other. While morality has to do with right and wrong, holiness points to the reason for moral behavior. Based on this and the sermon, give some examples of how morality and holiness work together in the life of a disciple.

5) Based on the definition of holiness as being completely set apart for God, give an example of someone you know that you see exemplifying holiness and explain why you see him/her that way.

6) God's call for us to be holy means that we give ourselves completely to God. Disciples of Jesus are able to do this because He first gave himself completely to us. How does this reality make obedience and holiness a joy for the Christian?

7) What keeps you from giving yourself completely to God? Are there areas of your life that you hold back? Why do you think that is?

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- **Just One Thing** is an easy, drop-in, weekly gathering for anyone who is not currently connected to a Missional Community but would like to dive deeper into the most recent sermon messages and explore what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus.
→ If you know someone who is not a part of a Missional Community and might be interested in this group, please invite them to join a **Just One Thing** gather on Sundays (1pm at church) or Tuesdays (7pm online).
→ More info at www.resonatemovement.org/justonething