



DISCUSSION GUIDE MAY 23, 2021

Dive In

- What does holiness look like for Christians living in the 21st century?
- Think of someone you believe to be holy. What characteristics does this person possess?

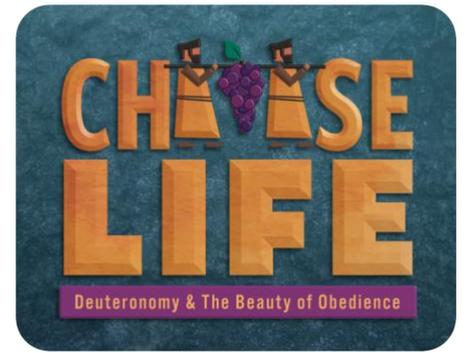
Dig Deep

Scripture: Deuteronomy 23:1-25

- Who was excluded from the assembly of the Lord in verses 1-8? Why?
- What do you learn about God's covenant relationship with Israel in verse 5?
- Why was it important to sanctify the army camp while away from home in verses 9-14?
- Why were certain attitudes prohibited or commended in verses 15-25? What is God's view of property or possessions?
- The holiness theme (vs.14) in this text points to our encounters with the Lord. What does holiness mean? What two things should we commit to as we seek to encounter the holiness of God? (note lesson video)

Do Big

- What are tangible ways we can practice holiness today?
- What challenges do we face today in our attempt to be holy as God is holy?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in our practicing holiness?



LEADERS

For Context Read:

Deuteronomy 23:1-25

Isaiah 6:1-13

Background:

The holiness of God is conveyed by His separateness, His uniqueness, His moral perfection, His distinction as One who stands apart from and above the creation. Note the vision of God's glory and the seraphim's threefold proclamation of the holy nature of God in Isaiah 6:1-4.

See also Exodus 15:11; 1 Peter 1:13-16 & Revelation 4:1-11

Encountering the holiness of God involves:

1. Separating ourselves from impurity, evil and sin - Deuteronomy 23:1-8.
2. Union with God through obedience and imitation of Him – Deuteronomy 23: 9-25.

Weekly Memory Verse:

"Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." **Hebrews 12: 14**