

## Getting Started

1. What does holiness look like to you? How would you describe it?
2. Do you often say things you regret?
3. What are the worst things you have ever spoken?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 124

#### **Q. What does the third petition mean?**

A. "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" means:

Help us and all people to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk.

Your will alone is good.<sup>1</sup>

Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to,<sup>2</sup> as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Matt. 7:21; 16:24-26; Luke 22:42; Rom. 12:1-2; Titus 2:11-12 <sup>2</sup> 1 Cor. 7:17-24; Eph. 6:5-9 <sup>3</sup> Ps. 103:20-21

What does it look like to obey God's will without any back talk?

6. Does Proverbs 4:23 mean the same thing as Matthew 12:34?
7. Read Mark 7:14-23 and Luke 6:43-45. Are these all the same or is the message different?
8. Does the Bible condemn verbal sins as severely as others like adultery and murder? See Matthew 5:22, 37; 2 Cor. 12:20; 1 Tim. 1:10; James 3:6; Rev. 21:8.

## Application

9. What we think about is just as important as what we say, which is just as important as what we do. Our thoughts and what we say can be indicators that our heart is unclean. It is so important to surround ourselves with people who lead us toward holiness. It is so important that we read the Bible to have God's word a part of our lives. It is so important that we do not watch movie, TV shows and news programs that would lead us away from God. What are you doing to make sure that your thoughts and words are in line with God's holy ways?

## **Bible Reading Questions**

August 29 – Ezekiel 9-12 – Ezekiel is called the son of man by God. The son of man is also a name used for Jesus. Is there a connection?

August 30 – Ezekiel 13-15 – Who is God referencing here? Why does he use those people as examples?

August 31 – Ezekiel 16-17 – God pronounces a harsh judgment against Jerusalem. Can God ever be too harsh?

September 1 – Ezekiel 18-20 – In Ezekiel 18:5-9, 14-17 God gives a list of things that a righteous person would do. Do these acts make them righteous?

September 2 – Ezekiel 21-22 – What is the difference between holy and common? Are there some parts of your life that are holy and others that are common or should everything be holy?

September 3 – Ezekiel 23-24 – There is a lot of harsh language here. Would you expect to see that in Scripture?

September 4 – Ezekiel 25-27 – What king is named as the final destroyer of Tyre? Why is Tyre being destroyed?

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### **“Holy Words”**

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.  
Matthew 12:34

- **Our holiness is \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ we bear.**
- **For out of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ speaks.**
- **We are all \_\_\_\_\_, for better or for worse, by what we \_\_\_\_\_.**

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