

Study Guide #3 – Sunday March 22th
Growing in Greater Intimacy with Jesus – Spring 2020
The Great and Good God who demands our all
1 Peter 1:13-16
Ps 48:1 *“Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised”!*

Remember the goal of our study: To know and understand our **beliefs** which issue into **behaviors** (habits) that cause us to grow to **become** like Jesus.

Summary: The God who is great and good is our Father. He demands our ALL, (as we become like Him in all we are and do) demonstrating our total devotion through humble submission and love (Agape).

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN

Great and Good God – (Worship – Holy)

BELIEVING

Matt 6:9 – Our Father/ 1 Peter 1:3

A Closer Look at Matthew 6:9 and 1 Peter 1:3

What does praying to “our Father” indicate about God’s desires for you and me?

What is your most dominant picture of God in your Mind?

What does the invitation to approach God as our Father shape your thinking and belief about God?

Consider/Reflect/Discuss:

Consider more about what “our Father” has done for us? Name some of those things in your life.

In what ways has your relationship with your earthly parents shaped your view of God?

Are you drawn more to God’s greatness or goodness? Do you believe that God is a good God?

Our Response: COME LET US BOW DOWN

Worship Psalms 100

BEHAVING

A closer look at worship...

- Worship never begins with us, it begins with God’s Revelation – See Isaiah 6:1-9
- Worship is our response to God’s goodness and greatness (Psalms 100)
- Our Holiness – we are committed to *“wholly-ness”* – involves a 24/7 all of our lives –

Consider/Reflect/Discuss:

What do you believe are essential elements of worship?

What are some of your most memorable worship experiences with the Lord?

How important are our worship forms and styles to you? Why?

BE HOLY, BECAUSE I AM HOLY (Be like Jesus)

Purity

BECOMING

1 Peter 1:13-16

Our Response must be more than a Sunday morning song and prayer, but a holistic giving of ourselves to Him in love and devotion, not being “pulled out” **from** the world but rather “thrust out” **into our world** as light and salt, as “holy ones” calling the world to this good and great God who longs for worshippers, who longs for loving intimate relationship.

A Closer look at 1 Peter 1:13-16

What are some directives from this text that help us grow in our devotions to the Lord?

How can these actions help you grow in your devotion to the lord?

1. Preparing our minds for action.
2. Being sober-minded – (*abstain from so we can be free for*)
3. Set your hope fully on the grace
4. Do not conform to the passions of this world
5. Be holy **in all you do**

How has the study of this text helped you clarify your understanding of “holy” (purity)?

Consider/Reflect/Discuss:

From 1 Peter 1:1-12, what are things God has done that cause us to worship Him and want to give ourselves totally to Him?

What does “purity” mean to you? How does this encourage you to live holy and pure before the Lord?

In what areas of your life do you struggle with purity and giving yourself completely to the Lord?

For the Pastor, *please consider these 2 discussion questions. I welcome feedback.*

- What can the church do to help you live pure and holy before the Lord?
- Do you feel this study is helping you to grow in your intimacy with Jesus?