Potential Discussion Questions
Message: Know God - Holy, pt 2 (4-29-18)

1. Why do you think many people react negatively to the notion of holiness?

2. Have you tried to use a "holiness filter" on your life during the past week? If so, what impact did it have?

3. What have you found to best inspire your desire for and transformation in holiness? What are some specific things that get in the way? How do you "discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness"?

4. Discuss how duty and discipline work together in the journey of holiness. How is duty good/helpful? When can it get it the way? Discipline is our response, but it is still a work of grace. That is, we are responding to the gracious work of God in us *to will and work for His good pleasure*. How can this fuel and foster our pursuit of and desire for holiness?

5. What is meant by "obedience is better than sacrifice" (see 1 Samuel 15:20-21 or similar passages)? What are some current "sacrifices" that we might substitute for obedience? How do they actually get in the way of our holiness?

6. How does a vital and growing understanding of God's holiness bring revival to our hearts? Is there any specific way(s) you sense God prompting the revival of your heart?

7. Talk through the 4 motivations for holiness we observed in Scripture. How do you see these working out in your practice? What seems clear to you? What questions do you have about how these motivations operate? Which one(s) most readily and frequently motivate you to holiness?

8. Share and discuss your insights or questions regarding this statement: "obedience and holiness are not about white-knuckling our behavior, but about heart change, power change, passion change, perspective change and values change."

9. Thinking about your holiness, is there anything you desire to confess, consecrate, or cry out for God's help? How can the group pray for you regarding your desire for holiness?

10. What would you like to discuss from this message that hasn't already been addressed?

11. What is your best take-away from this study?