

## **Group notes - Week 5**

### **Names of God**

#### **Message Summary**

This week's focus is on Jehovah-Mekadesh (God our Holiness). We focus on what it means to be set apart as followers of Jesus. Everything about our life should emulate Jesus. But how do we make sure we don't whittle Holiness down to the things we do or don't do - because then we could be on the verge of a religious way of living rather than operating through our relationship with Jesus. The pharisees knew the law, but they didn't recognise Jesus as the messiah. Holiness for our generation shouldn't be based just on what we say or do, but who we are in Christ.

**How does applying this message affect our:**

**Fellowship - experiencing healthy relationships with other people**

*How do we encourage the family of God to be set apart? We should be mindful that when we encourage holiness for our lives, that it's not based on what we do as individuals and make it about self, but humbly and graciously point people back to Jesus.*

**Discipleship - growing in Christ both in thought and deed**

*What habits have you gotten into that may not reflect Christ? Who is a trusted person you can speak to who can help encourage you in your walk with Christ? Let's be reminded that poor habits that don't reflect Christ aren't always based on the things we say or do - but could be our attitude, our mindset and our heart.*

**Ministry - Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities**

*How can you ensure the fruits of the spirit to be present in your lives? How are you responding to the needs of the world around you? Be encouraged that God has sent you to make an impact for His Kingdom!*

**Evangelism - Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers**

*How can you be an example to those in your community and world about how you respond in situations and reflect Christ rather than self? In what you say, do and live - does it point people back to Jesus? Let the character of Christ within you uplift and impact those around you.*

**Worship - Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis**

*Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to shape your life or are you holding onto poor habits? Are you reflecting on yourself often to make sure pride and a 'look at me' mentality aren't at the centre of your heart? Living a life that surrenders daily to Jesus and desiring his Holy Spirit to be at work within you, will keep you remained in Him.*