

Sermon: Holy to the Lord.
Series: Exodus: From Slavery to Glory.

Scripture: Exodus 30.
Date: May 21, 2023

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) God is holy. What comes to mind when you hear this statement? Or, what does this statement mean to you?

b) Go back and read Exodus 29:43. Things are “made holy by God’s glory.” What do you understand this to mean?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Are you holy? Explain your answer? (Do you remember our definition of holy? “Set apart to the Lord to reflect his glory”).

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Think through how holiness is obtained in this passage? What makes the objects in the Tabernacle holy? (Think about the anointing oil in 30:22-38) How does this point to God’s grace and kindness?

b) Read 2 Corinthians 1:21-22. We are made holy by the Holy Spirit. What are some ways that we try to be holy apart from the Holy Spirit? Why is self-improvement alone not the same thing as holiness?

APPLICATION

a) In Exodus 30 God tells Moses to do three things, each of which point to what holiness looks like in our lives.

1. Make a basin of bronze – holiness is cleansing one another through confession and forgiveness.

2. Make an altar of incense – holiness is enjoying the presence of God in praise.

3. Collect the census tax – holiness is living a redeemed life before God.

How is your holiness (yes Christian, you are holy) reflected in these three ways?

FIGHTER VERSES: Romans 5:1-2.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his purifying holiness in us.
- Confess ways that you have tried to be holy apart from the Holy Spirit.
- Thank Jesus for being the Anointed One who gave his holiness to you.
- Ask God to help you live out your holiness in forgiveness, praise, and sacrifice.