

Sermon Based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of February 22, 2026

Icebreaker Questions

- What's a funny trait you picked up from your family?
- What's one value your family emphasized growing up?
- Who was the kindest "stranger" you've ever encountered?

Sermon Summary

(If you missed this week's sermon, it's always available by noon on Monday on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@horizoncommunitychurch>)

In Leviticus 18–19, God calls His people to reflect His character, declaring, "Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy," reminding them that holiness is about family resemblance, not religious performance. Holiness begins with God's nature—not human effort—and flows from redemption, as believers live out what Christ has already accomplished (Hebrews 10:14). This resemblance includes sexual integrity, where God establishes clear moral boundaries rooted in His unchanging character and design. Yet holiness is not only about purity; it is also expressed through integrity, justice, compassion, and loving one's neighbor—including the stranger. Ultimately, when believers live with integrity, purity, and love, their lives shine in a way that points others to the Father (Matthew 5:16).

Opening Prayer

Briefly pray and invite the Lord into your conversations to bring wisdom and insight to His Word. Pray around the theme for the sermon/discussion.

Primary Passages of Scripture

Read Leviticus 19:2, Matthew 5:16, Hebrews 10:14, 1 Thessalonians 4:3–4, 1 Peter 1:15–16

Discussion Questions

- What does it practically mean to "look like" God in everyday life?
- Why do you think God grounds holiness in His character rather than our effort?
- What happens when holiness is pursued out of guilt instead of grace?
- In what ways can your life "shine" in your workplace or community?
- Why does God tie holiness to how we treat workers and strangers?
- How can the church speak about sexual integrity with both truth and compassion?
- Why do you think God draws firm boundaries around family and marriage?

Prayer

- Ask: "How can we pray for you this week?"
- Assign each request to a group member to ensure everyone is prayed for during the prayer time.
- Assign someone to open in prayer and someone to close in prayer.

Closing