



Life-Giving Holiness

THE SECOND HALF THE GOSPEL

Life-Giving Holiness is our fifth and final value of the *Free Methodist Way*. God's call to holiness was never meant to be a burden, but a gift that liberates us for life that is truly life by delivering us from the destructive power of sin. As a group, watch through Pastor Nate's message on *Life-Giving Holiness* and engage in the questions below.

Opening Question:

- What was the most challenging thing you heard Pastor Nate say?
- Were you more energized or eager to learn more about what Pastor Nate said?
- What have your expectations been for your life as a follower of Jesus – waiting on the porch or ready to walk through the door?

Digging Deeper:

READ: "I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves along the ground. I am the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy. (Leviticus 11:44-45)

READ: I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them



into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. (John 17:13-19)

READ: "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:15-16)

READ: "May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this" (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NRSV).

READ: "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

READ: "Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

- How have the passage of Scripture presented above challenge or inform your understanding of the goal of the "second half of the Gospel?"
- Was there a passage Scripture that was most surprising to you?
- Do you think Scripture supports Methodism's understanding of holiness and entire sanctification? Why or why not?

CONCLUSION:

- What are the next steps for reclaiming perfect love in your life? Are you ready to walk from the porch into the doorway of perfect love?
- Where do you think there might be challenges to offering this to people in your community?



- How can those challenges be addressed so that people can experience the full promises of the “second half of the gospel?”

FINAL THOUGHT:

Each member of the group should take a moment to reflect on the impact the past five weeks have had on the pursuit of full blessing that God has for their life through *The Free Methodist Way*. Has this group impacted your openness and expectation for more intimacy, connection, and love for God and ability to love others? Are you ready for the full gift of salvation and perfect love? If so, pray for one another to accept God’s invitation to love God and others fully.

