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Read Psalm 96 : 1 – 9

What does this Psalm say to members of the group? What are the challenges?

In one or two sentences construct a statement describing God’s holiness.

Why is God’s holiness so important? Share any experiences of God’s holiness

**Holiness : our holy calling**

Read 1 Peter 2 : 9 – 11

Why was such a calling important to those to whom Peter wrote?

Why is it important today?

Read Matthew 6 : 6. What do these words mean to you?

“Holiness is not a matter of outward appearance, it is a matter of the heart.” *(Nicky Gumbel)* Unpack what you think he means by this.

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Gordon Wilson engaged in the practice of holiness following the murder of his daughter at the war memorial in Enniskillen. Share experiences of encountering holiness in actions.

Holiness is to be “set apart” for the Lord. In practice, what does this mean in home / Church / work / leisure / etc. when life is easy of hard?

**Holiness : call or recall**

The Salvation Army made a recall to holiness,” to live out the doctrine in all its dimensions, personal, relational, political and social…in accordance with scripture.” How may this apply to us?

 “Breathe on me Breath of God, Fill me with life anew

That I may love what Thou doest love and do what Thou would do.

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Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.” *(Edwin Hatch)*

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