

### **Week 3: Abiding and Holiness**

#### **Praise:**

**Read Isaiah 6:1-3. (All Scriptures on back of sheet)**

Praise God for his holiness. (Being “holy” has to do with the idea of being separate and distinct. God’s holiness means that he is separate from all other created things and is in a category all to himself – completely morally perfect and pure in every way.)

#### **Repent:**

**Read 1 Peter 1:14-16.** Once our faith is in Jesus and we have been forgiven of our sins and given spiritual life, we are called to image God in his holiness by pursuing holiness ourselves.

Confess to God where you have not taken your own pursuit of holiness as seriously as you should.

**Read John 15:4-5, 8-11** and consider Jesus’ invitation to live in a life-giving relationship with him. Our obedience, spiritual growth, and pursuit of holiness is the overflow of a loving, active relationship with God.

Ask God to reveal where you might have been neglecting to make space for and cultivate your attention to your relationship with him. Repent of where you’ve minimized prioritizing the health of your daily, ongoing relationship with him. (Consider some of your spiritual rhythms and disciplines like being in the Word, conversing with God in prayer, etc.)

#### **Ask and Yield:**

Ask the Lord to reveal one step of obedience to take to walk more intimately with him relationally in your daily life.

**Read slowly through Colossians 3:12-17 and reflect prayerfully on the description of the character of Christ that believers are to “put on.”**

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you which pieces of Christlike character he is specifically calling you to walk more fully in. In what relationship(s) is he highlighting for you to “put on” these characteristics?

End your time by praying for other needs and concerns that the Lord brings to mind. Pray that God would form Northstar to be a church who walks in deep relationship with him. Pray for fellow believers whose walks with the Lord you are concerned about.

### **Isaiah 6:1-3**

*1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said:*

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!"*

### **1 Peter 1:14-16**

*14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."*

### **John 15:4-5, 8-11**

*4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing... 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

*12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*