



## Called to be Holy

*“As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 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 1:14-16

## Written with Love (Jude v.1-2)

## Hidden Danger (v.3-4)

## Wise decisions? (Genesis 3:6)

*“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.”*

## Relying on the Spirit (v.17-19)

*“These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.”*

*“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water”.*

Jeremiah 2:13

Three things we should do:

1. ‘...build yourselves up in your most holy faith’ (v.20)

See also: Romans 12:2

2. '...pray in the Holy Spirit' (v.20)

See also: Hebrews 12:10

3. 'Keep yourselves in God's (Holy) love' (v.21)

See also: Romans 12:1

Responding to God's 'Mercy' (v.21, 22)

After the service, ask someone...

What have you learnt from today?

What can I pray for you?



## Growth group questions

You'll find it helpful to have heard the talk—you can listen at [bit.ly/hsbctalks](http://bit.ly/hsbctalks).

*Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.*

### 1. Read 1 Peter 1:15.

- What are your thoughts about the call to 'be holy'? Is it realistic?

### 2. Read Jude v.4

- How can people '*change the grace of God into a licence for immorality*'?
- How might it be possible for such things to '*go unnoticed*'?
- How is this a denial of Jesus as '*Sovereign and Lord*'?
- Have you ever been effected by other people's level of personal holiness?

### 3. Read verse 17-19.

- How do you make decisions about what is right and wrong? (How much do you rely on '*natural instincts*' and how much on the '*Holy Spirt*'?)
- Can you think of times you have made godly or 'holy' decisions that went against your natural instincts / desires? What were the results for your faith?

4. Read verses 22-23. How cautious should we be when trying to reach out to and show '*mercy*' to non-Christians?

5. Read verses 21, 24-25. How much can we rely on God to '*keep us from falling*' and what is our responsibility?

***Pray that God would help you make decisions this week that would honour Him as Lord and encourage other Christians to do the same.***