

WEEK 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL DISCUSSION GUIDE



THIS WEEK

BIG IDEA

God is Holy, which means He is set apart, and He has called us to be set apart too.

BIBLE

Isaiah 6:1-8; 1 Peter 1:15-16

ABOUT THIS WEEK

God is unlike anyone or anything else. He's perfect, pure, and powerful. When Isaiah saw God's holiness, he realized his own sin—but God forgave him. That same holy God made a way for us to be made new through Jesus. God's holiness doesn't push us away—it pulls us closer.

Let's Break the Ice:

- What's something you've seen that completely amazed you—something you couldn't even describe?
- When was the last time you realized something or someone was way bigger or greater than you imagined?

Bible Study:

- **Read Together:** As a group, read **Isaiah 6:1-8 NIV** (*telos pg. 666*) and **1 Peter 1:15-16 NIV** (*telos pg. 1218*) together.

Discussion Questions:

- What do you notice about how Isaiah reacts when he sees God's holiness?
- Why do you think God's holiness can be both a little scary and really good news?
- How did God respond to Isaiah's sin, and what does that show us about His character?
- 1 Peter 1:15–16 says to “be holy, because I am holy.” What do you think it means to live “set apart” in your school, home, or friend group?

Make it Real:

- *What's one area of your life where you might need to live more “set apart” because of who God is?*

Prayer

Share Requests:

- *Ask for any prayer requests or praises to celebrate together.*
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Group Prayer:

- Encourage students to pray briefly for each other's requests.
 - Close by asking God to continue to reveal His holiness to us.
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(GROW DEEPER - OPTIONAL) Discipleship Moment:

A Prayer for Holiness: This week, take **30 seconds every morning** before school to pray: "God, You're holy—and I want to live like You today."
Then, be on the lookout for one way you can live differently because you belong to God (the way you talk, react, or treat someone).

Partner Check-In: Pair students up and have them commit to checking in with their partner either sometime during the week or during your next gathering.
