SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Holified – A Study on Leviticus, Part 8 Miles McPherson March 12, 2006

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Essentials Training is this Saturday, March 18, in the Rock Elementary Room west of the sanctuary (3558 Ruffin Rd). Breakfast is at 8 AM and our meeting is from 8:30-11:30 AM. Pastor John Dehnert will cover lesson development, creating environments for growth, leadership skills, and more. Looking forward to seeing you all there.
- **Do you have the gift of administration?** Are you available during normal business hours? Are you interested in volunteering to help the Small Group Staff with administrative duties? If so, contact Carolyn York at carolyny@therocksandiego.org or 619.226.7625 x247.
- For all other Rock Announcements please go to http://www.therocksandiego.org/announcements/ or see the Rock Event Calendar at http://www.therocksandiego.org/eventcalendar/.

MEMORY VERSE

• Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.' Leviticus 19:2

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – PRACTICAL HOLINESS

- 1. Take a minute to list all the responsibilities on your plate right now. What occupies your time, thoughts, and energy? What's on your calendar or written in your planner? Can you identify "categories" of responsibilities in your life?
- 2. One thing that we learned this week in Leviticus is that holiness is not just one part or a "category of responsibility" of our life. Rather, it is the lens we use to bring everything else into focus. However, many Christians fight a daily battle resisting the tendency to make holy living and obedience to God just *one* part of our life rather than the *center* of our life.

In Mark 10:17–23, we read a story of a man who wanted to keep God as a *part* of His life, not the *center*.

- How did the man define himself? What do you think made him feel significant?
- What was the man seeking? What was the man asking for from Jesus?



• What was Jesus' answer? What was the man's response? 3. Read the following quote: "It's likely that if you place God in the center of everything in you life, your routine would be upset, your illusions of control would be destroyed, or your faith would be challenged." In what way might this statement be true in your own life? How might you be like the man in Mark 10? 4. Too often we want to play it safe – and putting God in the center can seem like a big risk. How might your life be disrupted if you really do place God at the center of your life? What feelings come to the surface for you when you think about putting God in the center of your life? 5. Consider Proverbs 3:5-6; 14:12 and Matthew 6:28-34. How can these verses give you strength and courage to place God in the center of your life?

6. Take time to write down the area(s) of your life that you want to re-define so that God is in the center. Pray together for wisdom, vision, and strength to relinquish control and give it to God.

