
SERMON NOTES February 14, 2021

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John 17:6-19
Living Up to Our Name
Pastor Mike

I. We are a _____ people with a _____

a. Our _____ identity as God's people

b. Our core identity is _____

c. Our new name is _____

II. The meaning of holiness is _____

III. How we _____ our new name

Jesus prayed "I'll be separated _____ that they might be separated _____"

IV. Living up to our _____

a. Distinguished by our _____

b. Different in our _____

c. Distinct in our _____

Questions for reflection, application, and discussion

1. In John 17:15-16 Jesus said, *"I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world."*
 - a. Jesus prayed that the father wouldn't take us out of the world, but that he would leave us in the world, while keeping us from the evil one. In what specific ways does Jesus call us to be in this world?
 - b. He prays that we will be in the world while we are protected from the evil one - not from evil, but from the evil one. How do we need to be protected from the evil one?
 - c. Jesus calls us to be in this world, while not being of this world. What specifically is Jesus calling us to when he said that we should not be of this world?
 - d. How can we as followers of Christ become of this world in inappropriate ways? How can we avoid this danger?

2. In John 17:11 Jesus prays, *"Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me."* What does it mean to be kept in a name? What is the name we are to be kept in?

3. In his message Pastor Mike taught that Jesus is telling us that we have been given the name holy. It's not that he is calling us to be holy, but that we are holy – that is our name, and that is our identity.
 - a. Why is it important to understand God has given us this as our name? What is the difference between being told to try and be holy, and being told that it is our name and our identity- it's what we are?
 - b. If this is a new name and a new identity, what is your old name and your old identity? How does believing that is your identity impact your thinking, behavior and purpose?
 - c. How does believing that this is our name and our identity change us?

4. What is the meaning of the word holy?
 - a. How have you understood this word concept in the past? How is the idea of holy seen in our culture?
 - b. In your experience, how many people see the idea of holy in a negative light (such as "holier than thou"). Why do you think some see it in negative terms?
 - c. How is the Biblical idea of holy similar to or different from the common perception of the term?

5. In his message Pastor Mike showed how Jesus is calling us to embrace our God given name, and then to live up to this new identity. Because we are holy and set apart, we should be distinctively different from others in the world around us.
 - a. How are we to be distinguished in our lifestyle?
 - b. How are we to be different in our thinking?
 - c. How are we to be distinct in our mission and purpose?