Before we begin our study, we must remember that holiness is both positional and practical, for when we put our faith in Jesus and get baptized, the Bible says we are in a spiritual and very real sense included “in Christ” (Gal. 3:26, 27). In other words, because He is holy and we are positionally in Him, we are holy as well. Let that sink in! The gospel tells us that God replaces our unrighteousness with His holiness when we put our trust in Christ.

Being positionally in Jesus makes us holy in a practical way from the inside out. Not only do we live in Christ, but He lives in us through the Holy Spirit! Holiness, then, is God’s work for us and in us through sanctification, which is the process of being made holy, or like Jesus. We know this is happening in our lives when we begin to have holier thoughts, motives, and plans, and when living for Jesus and serving Him becomes desirable and satisfying.

Our responsibility is to surrender ourselves to the Lord every day and cooperate with what He is doing in and through us. God teaches us how to live holy lives for Him through Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16, 17), and Leviticus 19 provides some pointed examples of how to do it. This chapter is all about living practically in this world because we are positionally holy in Christ. God provides specific examples of how we can be holy in our relationships with others, some of which are our parents, the poor, the rich, the blind, the deaf, the elderly, employees, neighbors, immigrants, the opposite sex, land, and even animals. This entire chapter is about Jesus manifesting Himself in us through practical holiness.
Write out Leviticus 19 from the translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out Leviticus 19:11–18, 28–37. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map it.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

Which areas in your life need holiness?

Which areas in society need holiness?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What are other debated or disputed passages in Leviticus that you can think of that point to separation from the world?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

1 Peter 1:16
1 Thessalonians 3:12, 13
Matthew 22:36–40
Luke 10:30–35
Exodus 20:1–18
Matthew 25:31–46

What other narratives come to mind in connection with Leviticus 19?

Review your memorized verse from Leviticus 19.
Meditate on Leviticus 19 again and look for where Jesus is.

How does the knowledge that God is orchestrating your life for a higher purpose just as He did with Ruth affect your relationship with Him?

Is there someone in your life who needs the comfort of a friend? What can you do to help them?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer Response:

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the chapter, what are some personal applications you are convicted of in your life?

What are practical applications you must make in your school, family, workplace, and church?

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Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

In your own words, what is holiness?

How can holiness positively impact a world crying out for social justice?

In what ways does this chapter make holiness practical and relevant?

Which of God’s holiness laws in Leviticus 19 challenges you the most?

Who makes us holy and how does it happen?

What’s the difference between positional holiness and practical holiness?

Which command in Leviticus 19 is most relevant today?

Can you match one of the Ten Commandments to each of these holiness practices?

Since the Holy Spirit wants to tattoo your heart with the new covenant, what Christlike attribute would you like Him to draw?

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