

# BRMC Small Group Study: Holy Spirit Session 7

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## Scripture Passage:

Focus: 1 Peter 1:13-2:3

Supplementary: 1 Thessalonians 5:23 and 4:7-8

## Open to the Spirit:

Focus chapter: 18

Supplementary chapters: 17 and 20

### Lesson Objectives:

- Holiness comes from the Holy Spirit.
- Holiness is being in the presence of God, devoted entirely to God, to the exclusion of anything that is not of God.
- We need a desire to be holy and the practice of spiritual disciplines to facilitate our openness to the Spirit and the presence of God and the Spirit's transformational work in us.

## Introductory

1. In the focus passage (e.g. in 1 Peter 1:16) and the supplementary passages, are Christians called to be holy? Who calls us to be holy and who empowers us to be holy?
2. What are the key elements of holiness identified in the focus passage?

## Reflection

3. What does holiness mean to you?
4. If we are called to be holy (entirely devoted to God), do you think it is attainable in this life? What do you understand by 'Christian Perfection (also known as Entire Sanctification)', which is a key pillar of Methodist theology?

5. Do you desire to live a holy life?

### **Application**

6. How might you live a holy life, day to day?

7. How might the small group, as a community or family in Christ play a role in living a holy life, day to day?

### **Prayer**

8. Write out a prayer for yourself based on what you have heard and learned from this session, and for your application steps.