Touching Holiness
Sermon Conversation Guide

Talk Together

1. When you think of the word "holy," what sorts of things come to mind? Also, what sorts of feeling or emotion are evoked in you when you hear that word? Restricting? Freeing? Guilt? Longing?

2. When Keith asked, *"What do you think God wants most for your life?",* how do you think our culture would answer that question? How would you?

3. Read 1Peter 1:13-16. What can we learn about holiness from Peter's words here? Among other things, talk about the relationship between God's role and ours in the pursuit of holiness.

4. Read Exodus 20:1-2. The righteousness described in the 10 commandments flow out of a prior relationship with the holy and rescuing God. How have you experienced God making you holy/whole through your relationship with Him?

5. From the story in John 5, Keith echoed Jesus' question to each of us: *"Do you want to get well?"* How did that question resonate with you? Why is it so important in the journey of becoming holy/whole? How might Jesus be inviting you to grow more into His likeness in your everyday life?

Pray Together

Take time to break up into groups of 2 or 3 so that you can care for and pray for one another. Be sure to remind one another that holiness is a gift to be received from Christ, not a bar to reach on our own strength. And for those feeling the weight of their own brokenness, may they know that God will never turn away a "broken and contrite heart" (Psalm 51:17).