

MAS Mentoring

Assignment Three

Preparation

- *Read chapter three in “The Holiness of God” by R.C. Sproul and answer the questions at the end of the chapter. Be prepared to discuss with your mentor. I suggest you pick two to three questions to discuss.*
- *Look over any current course assignments that may need to be discussed with your mentor.*
- *Read the section of **Devotion** below. You may want to share how your devotion time is going. Has the holiness of God impacted your devotion time in any way? Is there anything specific you have “done” in your devotion time that helps you to be in “awe” of God? Is silence before God difficult? What makes it a challenge?*
- *If you have anything personal you would like to discuss, you are free to share. Again, this is confidential between you and your mentor.*
- *Your mentor may ask if you have any specific prayer needs. Is there something you desire prayer for? You could share that.*

Meeting

1. *Either you or the mentor can open with prayer.*
2. *They may ask you, “Is there anything you want to make sure we talk about today”? Or, you can just tell them what you want to talk about.*
3. *Discuss The Holiness of God (chapter three). Share with each other your answers from the chapter.*
4. *Discuss with them **Devotion** (see below).*
5. *If they ask you if there is anything they can prayer for, you could also ask them, as well. How can you pray for them?*
6. *Close in prayer. Again, either one of you can pray.*

Devotion

In our devotion time, we have mentioned spending time in the Word and prayer. When looking at spending time in the Bible, it could be chapters, passages, or a particular verse. There is no specific rule here. Regarding prayer, the Lord's Prayer is a type of model for praying, though Scripture does not say one must pray only that way.

In my devotion time, I have a plan. It involves a portion of Scripture, praying through the Lord's Prayer, and journaling. This is what I do most days. Now, there's nothing wrong with a plan but I try not to be dictated by it. After all, this is about a relationship with our God. I don't want to look at the time with God as something I check off my list, a task I have accomplished. Of course, there are days I "feel" like that but remembering it is about relationship can help me approach the time with a different attitude.

Is there something you could "do," which would remind you it's about a relationship? For me, I try silence. I will take time to be silent rather than just jumping into my plan and that silence reminds me I am in the presence of my Father. In being silent, I seek to be still, to not think about things or let my mind wander. I understand for some of us, that may be difficult, because life right now does not feel silent or still. Yet, I would encourage you to try it, even if it is for a minute. Of course, putting silence into my devotion time may suggest it's just another part of my plan. Perhaps it is, but maybe I am pausing my agenda (even if it's for one minute) to remind myself, God is here. And, in knowing that, in "experiencing" that to some degree, may we be people in awe, people who live in awe of the Holy God, who still can have confidence to enter His presence. (Heb. 4:16)

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