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# DESIRING A LOVING, HOLY COMMUNITY

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2 PETER 1:1-11

- **The pursuit of holiness DELIGHTS in knowing we BELONG to Christ.**
  
- **The pursuit of holiness NEEDS our every EFFORT.**
  
- **The pursuit of holiness desires a LOVING and HOLY community.**

## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Loving God with all your heart, loving one another as yourself, and being holy as the lord your god is holy, are themes that are repeated over and over in scripture, why do you think God is so passionate about these three things?
  
2. Read 2 Peter 1:3 – 4. What are the benefits of belonging to Christ? How do they empower you to escape from sin?
  
3. In vs 5 – 8, we are given building blocks (so to speak) of things that enable us to be fruitful. Spend some time to talk about how these fit together and why all of them are necessary to keep us from being ineffective.
  
4. Verse 9 talks about nearsightedness. How does this affect the significance and mission of the church? Also read Hebrews 10:23 – 25. How will this help?
  
5. What one thing from these verses would you like the Group to pray for...that you need to grow in?