Parashah 30 Kedoshim -
“Holy people”

Torah: Vayikra (Leviticus) 19:1-20:27
Aliyah 1 - 19:1 - 14  Command to be holy, fear parents, keep Shabbats, other laws
Aliyah 2 - 19:15 - 22  More laws regarding social interaction, livestock, farming, clothing content
Aliyah 3 - 19:23 - 32  Forbidden fruit, blood, divination, fortune telling; Shabbats, respect for elders
Aliyah 4 - 19:33 - 37  Love foreigners staying with you; honest weights and measures
Aliyah 5 - 20:1 - 7  Child sacrifice to Molekh forbidden, as well as mediums and sorcerers
Aliyah 6 - 20:8 - 22  Punishments for cursing parents, sexual immorality
Aliyah 7 - 20:23 - 27  Don’t live like those being purged from the land, but by God’s laws; be holy

Haftarah: ‘Amos 9:7-15; Yechez’el 20:2-20


1. (19:2) Who is being addressed in this portion? Why? What is holiness? What is the opposite of “holy?”

2. Why is Israel to be “holy?” How is holiness described in this chapter?

3. (19:3) What does it mean to "revere" your parents? How did Yeshua do this? Who is Yeshua's father?

4. What are the “Shabbats?” To whom do they belong? Did Yeshua keep the Shabbats?

5. (19:9) What would a farmer learn by not harvesting the "corners" of his fields? How big is a “corner?”

6. (19:14) Is this verse about those who are physically blind and deaf?

7. (19:17) Why is ‘hating your brother’ and ‘rebuking your neighbor’ mentioned in the same verse?
8. How do we love our neighbor? Who is our neighbor? What does Yeshua say about this?

9. (20:7) What is "consecration?" According to this verse, who does the consecrating?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (19:15) "Judges" in our culture are the cream of the crop and have studied law, cases, and precedent. How have you prepared to judge righteously? (Isa 11:3-4, Isa 53:7-9, Zep 3:12-13, Pro 10:23-25)

2. (19:35) No matter how small the issue, we are required to be honest in measure. How do you fare in the "little" things? (Amos 8:4-10, 1Pe 1:14-15, 1Pe 2:12, 1Joh 3:1-3)


4. (20:8) Scripture is clear that there are things God does in us that we cannot do, and there are things that he requires of us. What's next on His "to-do" list for you? (1Co 6:9-11, Gal 5:19-24, Joh 5:24, Rom 8:1, Phil 2:12, 2Co 5:17, Joh 13:34, Eph 4:6, Mat 24:13, Phil 1:6, Jam 1:22-25, Heb 12:14)