



SANCTIFIED IN THE TRUTH

If you have a pattern of having someone share their *Story of Faith* (life before Jesus, encountering Jesus, life since/lately with Jesus) and/or sharing *Evidences of God's grace*, begin with that, followed by a time of thankful prayer for Christ's work in the individual's life/the grace in your lives.

OPENING COMMENT

The big theological word of the day is *sanctification*. What does it mean? What is its purpose in my life? And how do I experience it?

READ THE TEXT: John 17:17-19

¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does *sanctification* mean?
2. Read verse 17. By what means are disciples of Jesus *sanctified*?
3. When you've thought of sanctification in the past, how have you assumed sanctification happens in your life? (prayer, the passing of time, etc.)
4. What kind of priority then should the ministry of the Word have in our lives and church gatherings?
5. Read verse 18. For what purpose are disciples sanctified?



6. Do you find that you are being conformed more and more in likeness to Christ — even if only gradually? If so, share some examples with the group of God’s sanctifying work in your life. If not, why do you think you aren’t growing in Christlikeness?
7. In what ways do you struggle to live as one set apart for God’s gospel purposes in the world?
8. What would it look like to live as set apart ones for God’s gospel purposes in your neighbourhoods, work, school, and social settings? How would/are your interactions different?

CONCLUSION

Jesus prays that God sanctify His people in the Word and sanctify them for a purpose: to carry on Christ’s mission in the world. To be a Christian is to be saved, sanctified, and sent into the world proclaiming the gospel in word and deed.

SHARE & PRAY

- Share how you can pray for each other in light of this study.
- Conclude by spending some time praying for one another, for the areas of growth and grace you are seeking, and the needs among you.

