

## Sanctification Part 2 - Holiness Redefined

### Small Group Notes

In this meeting we will examine a great truth by looking carefully into a passage of scripture. John 17:15-19 is a part of a prayer Jesus prayed in the garden shortly before his crucifixion. The truth revealed here is that being sanctified, or set apart for God's purposes, is perhaps different than we might have thought.

*"Holiness is not being separated from the world, but rather being separated unto God. We live in the world, but our hearts are filled with Jesus, thus we are light shining into darkness."*

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***John 17:15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.***

- God's will for us is to encounter the world, not escape from the world. Our escape is from the evil one in the world, not the people in the world.

**Question: How do we encounter the world, rather than trying to escape the world in:**

- A secular workplace
  - A university or college
  - A neighborhood HOA
  - An unbelieving family
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***John 17:16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.***

There is victory in knowing who is our source. We are not a product of our culture.

**Question: How can being in the world become a disaster for our spiritual life if we don't understand that Jesus is our source?**

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***John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.***

*The word of God sets us apart. Truth guides us.*

**Question: The word of God sets us apart because: (a) we obey it (b) it changes the way we think (c) it defines who we are (give the reason for your choice).**

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***John 17:18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.***

- Like Jesus, we are also sent into the world with truth. Jesus set himself apart to die for us. He says here that one of the reasons was that we would be set apart by the truth.

**Question: Since Jesus is sending us into the world, how do you think he sees the world? What changes happen to us when we begin to see the world the way he does?**

**Question: How have you experienced the holiness of God in your life? How did that affect your view of the world?**

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