

SANCTIFY THEM IN THE TRUTH

SET APART FROM THE WORLD; SET APART FOR GOD

Sermon Questions

1. List at least one passage that teaches us that Christ prays for us? _____
2. In John 17, Jesus prays for the twelve apostles and _____
3. What does it mean to be sanctified? (circle all that apply)
 - i. Set apart from the world.
 - ii. Set apart from sin.
 - iii. Set apart for God's service
4. One of our greatest needs today is to be _____.
5. To be sanctified does not mean that we should go out of this world but that we be _____ to the world.
6. List an example of one truth that many reject today: _____
7. People who stand for the _____ will be hated by a world filled with lies.
8. Christ's prayer will lead Christians to read their _____.
9. Preachers are consecrated by the word to be ministers of the _____.
10. What should direct or govern our lives? _____
11. List the six results of Christ's prayer for you. He prays for you to...
 - i. Keep you from _____.
 - ii. Secure his _____ in you.
 - iii. _____ you from the world and the devil.
 - iv. Unite us together and unite us with _____.
 - v. Share in his _____.
 - vi. Make us his _____.

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus prays that we would be “sanctified in the truth” (John 17:17). In what specific areas of your life right now do you most need to be set apart *from* sin or the world’s ways, and set apart *for* God’s purposes? What practical step could you take this week to respond to Christ’s prayer for you?
2. The sermon emphasized that God’s word is the truth in which we are sanctified. How central is Scripture currently in your daily life, decisions, and relationships? What habits or obstacles keep you from immersing yourself more fully in it, and how might you begin to change that?
3. Jesus prayed for our holiness not so we would withdraw from the world, but so we would serve as his ambassadors in it. In your current station of life (as a spouse, parent, single person, employee, retiree, etc.), how can greater devotion to God’s word shape the way you live and witness this week?
4. Which of the six results of being sanctified in the truth (kept from falling, sharing Christ’s joy, guarded from the world and the devil, united with God and his people, sharing in his glory, and becoming effective witnesses) most encourages or challenges you right now? Why, and how does that shape the way you pray for yourself and others?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. Jesus prays that we would be “set apart” for God by living according to the truth in the Bible. What is one way you can choose to obey God’s word this week—at home, at school, or with your friends?
2. Jesus is in heaven right now praying for you to stay close to him and follow the truth. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is praying for you? What is one thing you can thank him for or ask him to help you with?