Sanctified to Serve

“To sanctify” = “to make holy” = “to set something or someone apart for God.” The Father sanctified His Son and sent Him into the world (John 10:36). God set Him apart to become our priest and sacrifice.

**God is the one who sanctifies us.**

**1. The *death of Jesus* is the basis
of our sanctification** (17:19).

A. Our *positional* sanctification

Hebrews 10:10

B. Our *progressive* sanctification

Hebrews 10:14; 1 John 1:5-9

C. Our *perfected* sanctification (17:23-24)

**2. The *prayers of Jesus* are the guarantee
of our sanctification** (17:17).

**3. The *Spirit of God* is the agent
of our sanctification.**

2 Thessalonians 2:13

**4. The *word of God* is the instrument
of our sanctification** (17:17 & 15:3).

A. Scripture changes us as we are *immersed* in it.

B. Jesus changes us as we are *immersed* in Him.

 John 1:1, 14; 14:6

**5. *Witness to the world* is one purpose
of our sanctification** (17:14-16, 18-21)

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. How do God’s work (John 17:17) and our effort (2 Corinthians 7:1) combine to result in holiness?

2. Why is it futile to try to become more holy apart from filling our hearts with Scripture?

3. What do you learn about the prayers of Jesus on our behalf from the following passages?

Romans 8:33-34

Hebrews 2:17-18

Hebrews 4:14-16

Hebrews 7:23-25

4. Ephesians 4:1-6. Who creates our unity in Christ? What must we do to preserve it? What place does a common doctrinal confession play in biblical unity? How would the kind of common life described in these verses promote evangelism?