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Praying with Jesus: Sanctified and Sent

Big Idea: Jesus prays that his followers would be sanctified and sent into His good world.

Overview: Jesus continues His prayer to the Father. Jesus is desiring that those who follow Him are sent into the world but are sent in a particular way. In the same way that the Father has sent the Son, the Son now sends His followers to inhabit the world He has created. Jesus prays that His followers would be sanctified, or set apart, in the world. There are two ditches that people can fall into: we antagonize the world, recognizing no good in it, or we assimilate to the world only recognizing good. Jesus commissions and prays for His followers to do neither of these, but rather in love the world and be different from it.

Life Group Objectives:

Remember why you exist as a group! Life Groups are to:

1. Reflect on this past week's message and passage or dig into the series you are going through as a group. We desire for you to have the Bible play a key role in your time together.
2. Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members. How can you build one another up this week?
3. Reflect on how your group, or as individuals, can play your part to be on mission in your neighborhood, church, or city.

KAC Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan Links:

- *We desire to practice the faith!* Through Lent we encourage to set aside time to engage with spiritual disciplines that facilitate an encounter with Jesus.
- *We desire a renewed church!* We must decide to consecrate ourselves to the Lord, seeking to be different and holy in a world of compromise.

Conversation starters:

- What is your favorite thing about our Life Group?
- What stood to you from this past week's sermon?
- How have you seen Jesus at work in your life this week?

Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion

Read Scripture: John 17:17-19

Questions for Discussion:

1. **Sanctified vs. 17**
 - What does *sanctify* mean?
 - What emotions, stories or experiences does this word bring up for you?
 - Jesus prays that without the Word of God we will not be sanctified. Why does He do this?
 - What decision is God asking you to make to consecrate yourself to Him?
2. **Sent vs. 18**
 - What does it look like to assimilate to the world? What does it look like to be sanctified from it?
 - In what unique way are you sent into God's good world? What does mission look like for you?
 - How do you navigate the tension of not being antagonistic to the world, but also not assimilating to it?
3. **Sacrificed vs. 19**
 - What does Jesus' sanctification look like? (Hint: he dedicated himself to the cross)
 - Jesus goes before us by being sent, and then sacrificing Himself on the cross. What is your response to His sacrifice for you? What is He asking you to do, give up, confess, or engage in?

Listening to God:

- How has God been present in our discussion so far? What themes have emerged?

Prayer Prompts and Application:

- Invite members of the group to share prayer requests. Gently nudge people to go a few levels deeper by being specific and vulnerable.
- Pray for clarity as each person thinks about the sphere of influence they have been sent into. Where is God asking you to engage in, being sanctified and sent to do so?

For Further Study:

Books:

- *Live no Lies* by John Mark Comer
- *The Assurance of Salvation* by Martin Lloyd-Jones

Video:

- [John](#) by the Bible Project

KAC Resources:

- [KAC Podcast](#) that will have devotionals Monday & Friday throughout Lent