

THE CALL TO HOLINESS

1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

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The questions below are designed to be used by Saylorville Church Cell Groups as they meet during the week following the Sunday morning message at Saylorville. The intent is not for groups to answer every question, but for leaders to use the questions as a guide as they tailor the discussion to the unique needs of their group. The Sunday message and these questions can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

• OPTION #1

- *What comes to your mind when you hear the word, "holy" or "holiness"?*
- *Who are some people that you would consider holy? Why?*

• OPTION #2

- *Give each person a piece of paper and a pen. Ask everyone to draw their "life storyline" marking important events, circumstances, or relationships along the way.*
- *Have everybody share their storyline briefly after a few minutes.*

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time you met. Anything you need to follow up on as a group?
- **Review** the notes you took on Sunday. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you heard?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Jason unpacked three aspects of sanctification that help us live in light of Christ's return.**

1. The Source of Sanctification: God Himself (1 Thessalonians 5:23a)

- Who/what do you tend to look to for peace? What are the places you turn to find fulfillment, rest, or value? Have these things been a lasting or temporary source of peace for you?
- Since God Himself is the source of our growth, how often are you returning to the source? How connected are you to the heart of God? What are you doing daily to drink in the living water?

2. The Scope of Sanctification: All Of Me (1 Thessalonians 5:23b)

- Respond and react to the statement, "Becoming more like Jesus means going all-in."
- What are some ways in your life where you think you might lack urgency in preparing for the return of Jesus? Why do you think that's true of you?
- Is there something or someone in your life that you are holding back from God? Who/what is that, and what's keeping you from completely letting go?

3. The Security of Sanctification: God's Faithfulness (1 Thessalonians 5:24)

- Go around your group and talk quickly about the circumstances surrounding each person's call to salvation. Use this as an opportunity to share with some that might not have a salvation story.
- Do you find it hard to remember the ways that God has been faithful to you personally this last year? Stop right now as a group and praise Him for what He brings to mind.
- Does it change the way you live each day to know that, as a child of God, you are eternally secure? That nobody can ever take you out of His hands? You can never lose your salvation.

The One Who calls you to Himself will complete you through Himself.

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Pray that your group will drink from the source of holiness, go all-in for Jesus, and rest in the security of God's faithfulness.

