

## Opening Discussion:

Does everyone know one another in your group? Take a few minutes to share with one another:

- Your hobbies/interests
- A character trait others associate with you
- What you are most looking forward to getting out of group this year

## Opening Prayer:

Begin your time by thanking Jesus for all that He has done for us—invite Him to speak to you through this time.

## Getting into God's Word

Did you have any comments or questions from this Sunday's message? Take the time to look through your sermon notes and talk about any questions you had.

1. Pastor Nathan talked about sanctification as the work that Jesus is doing in us to separate us from sin, dedicate us to His purposes, and fill us with Himself (which will be our topic for next week!). What were your first impressions on the idea of sanctification? Had you heard this idea or term before?

*Read Romans 6:1-14*

2. What stands out to you in this passage?
3. What imagery does this passage tap into, what does it say happens to us as we place our faith and trust in Jesus?
4. What has been your experience? Have you 'considered yourself to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ (v.11)? Why or why not?
5. Pastor Nathan shared three ways that we can grow in our experience of being separated from sin:
  - First, standing on the truth that through Christ the power of sin has been broken in our lives—how might you begin to get this truth rooted deeper in your heart and mind?
  - Second—when temptation or trouble comes your way deal with it! Take a look at the steps below and talk about what it might look like to use this when a temptation or a negative feeling comes up —
    - ⇒ identify the temptation or negative feeling, tell Jesus about it in prayer (2 Cor 10:5)
    - ⇒ Nail that temptation or feeling to the cross of Christ (Galatians 5:24-26)
    - ⇒ Ask Jesus to take away that temptation or feeling and ask Him to give you something in return, listen and receive.
  - Third—confess and repent of sin. Take a look at the Lord's Prayer in Matthew

6:9-13, what do you notice in this prayer? How might you begin to incorporate this into your own prayer life more?

*Read Hebrews 10:10-26*

6. What stands out to you in this passage?
7. Pastor Nathan talked about how we are not only being separated from sin, but we are also dedicated to God and called according to His purposes—how do you see that in this passage?
8. We can grow in this experience of being dedicated to God by:
  - Drawing near to Him—how do you draw near to God in your life? What habits or actions do you do to connect with God?
  - Holding onto hope—How is your hope meter? Where in your life is it easy to trust God? Where in your life is it more difficult?
  - Spurring one another on—how are you connecting with God's people and how are you helping with God's mission? How might God be asking you to grow in this area?
  - Taking sin seriously—go to prayer with your group.

## Prayer

Close your time by praying for one another—pray that we would be responsive to Christ as He seeks to sanctify us. Pray for any needs there might be in your group.

## Sermon Notes

## Group Listing

### **Mondays:**

*Leaders:* Ron and Faye Ford, Weston and Eleanor Voytechek

*Location:* The Wein's Home in Camrose

*Time:* 7:30pm

### **Wednesdays:**

*Leaders:* Nathan and Jenn Pollock

*Location:* The Pollock's House in Camrose

*Time:* 7:00pm

*Leaders:* Gary and Sandy Mize, John and Ineke Tessari

*Location:* The Mize's Home in Camrose

*Time:* 7:00pm

### **Thursdays:**

*Leaders:* Jessica and Andreas Schwitter, Mark and Carla Werner

*Location:* CentrePoint Church

*Time:* 7pm

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### **Jesus is our Sanctifier**

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### **Personal Reflection and Practice:**

Have you ever stopped to consider the words of the song "Take My Life, and Let it Be."? The song invites us as the singer to offer to God our moments, our days, our hands and feet, our voice and our lips, our silver and our gold, our intellect and our power, our will and our heart, our love and our whole selves.

This week take some time to reflect on this song and journaling your own prayer of offering to God. He has separated us from sin, He has dedicated us to Himself, and our response is surrender and offering ourselves to Him.