



SET APART

INTRODUCTION

A 7-SESSION BIBLE STUDY

SESSION 1

WELCOME

What does it mean for us to be **set apart**? Why would we even want that? These are two things that I fear the “old” Christian has glanced over and taken for granted for too long. Meanwhile, the new or not-yet-a-believer doesn’t even know what we are talking about.

What does it mean to be **set apart**?
Why should we be **set apart**?
How can we be **set apart**?

For this 7-session study, each month’s questions will be available for you to print at home. The questions will guide you to discover what the Bible says about being **set apart**, as well as encourage you in scripture memorization. A corresponding teaching for each session will be available on our Athey Women YouTube channel.

Session 1 starts us out with some self-evaluation and an introduction to what it means to be **set apart**. If you’re meeting with a Devoted Group, this first meeting will be an opportunity for you to get to know your group.

Session 2 looks at what it means to be “born-again” and how this beginning, life-changing moment with Jesus changes everything. We will contrast the sameness of our world and our sin that would camouflage us from the distinction of a called believer in Jesus Christ.

Sessions 3 and 4 go beyond common terms and look at the theology behind being **set apart**. There are some fancy-sounding words (like **sanctification**, **holiness**, **righteousness**, and **regeneration**) that, in practice and reality, can and should be equally familiar, challenging, and encouraging to a believer.

Sessions 5 and 6 look at why believers should even care. What’s the point? Isn’t it easier to just go-along-to-get-along and be like everyone else? In these sessions, we will study the character of God and His relationship to us, and why being **set apart** is not actually optional.

Finally, Session 7 looks at HOW sanctification is even possible, including WHO makes it possible: the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised us a Helper, the Holy Spirit, who does exactly as His name implies—He helps us! While the work of the Holy Spirit can sometimes feel foreign and mysterious, we’ll study what the Word says to help us understand how practical and powerful His work in our lives is every day.

This study will not show you how to be the most popular woman in your circle. In fact, you may find this won’t be comfortable at all. But you will find God’s perfect will and purpose for you (1 Thessalonians 4:3A). I pray that as we open His Word together on this essential understanding of our Christian faith, the Holy Spirit will powerfully and specifically work in each of us as we acknowledge our desire and necessity to be **set apart**.

Onward,


**“FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD,
YOUR SANCTIFICATION.”**

1 THESSALONIANS 4:3A

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What drew you to this study?

2. How would you describe your walk with Jesus right now?

3. What is a favorite scripture and why?

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT IN ORDER THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM.

JOHN 3:16-17



IN A NUTSHELL

- We are all sinners.
- The consequence of our sin is eternal separation from God.
- God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins.
- If we believe and confess this, we are saved.
- For the rest of our time on Earth, God wants to reveal Himself to us – this happens by talking to Him (prayer), studying His Word (the Bible), and going through life with other believers (fellowship).

OUR DISEASE

Since Adam and Eve first sinned in the garden, mankind has been doomed by our own sinfulness, and none of us are exempt. We may think of ourselves as decent folks, but sin can't be overlooked by a holy God, no matter how much He loves us. It must be atoned – paid for.

OUR REMEDY

Romans 6:23 explains the heavy price of our sin. "The wages of sin is death," but there's hope! "The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." God has provided a gift, a solution to our sin, and at great cost to Himself. It was His only Son who came to suffer and die for our sins.

OUR CONTRIBUTION

Nothing. There's nothing you can contribute to your own salvation. "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6, NIV). There are well-meaning people all over the world who think if they work hard enough, try hard enough, they can earn their way to Heaven. This just isn't possible. However, in the midst of our need and our helplessness, a Savior came to rescue us, based on His goodness, not ours. This is Good News!

OUR RESPONSE

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). It may seem scary – it may even seem too simple – yet this is what God asks of us: to confess what we believe to be true about His Son and the work Jesus did on the cross.

Do you want to confess your sins and put your faith in Jesus? See below for an example of what you could pray.

Dear Father in Heaven, I believe in Your Son, Jesus Christ. I believe that He died on the cross for my sins, that He rose up from the grave, and that I'm forgiven. Thank You for saving me, and now help me to walk with You. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

If you prayed this prayer of salvation, reach out and let us know! We're rejoicing with you!





SET APART *the* GOOD NEWS

OUR FUTURE

Both eternal life and life here on Earth will be forever changed for those who accept Jesus. Eternally, we are promised life in Heaven with the Lord, which is mind-blowing. First John 5:13 says, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."

Meanwhile, here on Earth, God wants us to experience a full life. "I came that they may have life and have it to abundantly" (John 10:10b). We are offered an abundant life! Read on to learn about some things that will help you discover more about this new life.

PRAY

Talk to God often and enjoy a relationship with Him.

STUDY THE BIBLE

This is one of the ways God will reveal Himself to you, as well as His will and His instructions for living a full life.

CHURCH

Find a good church that teaches the Bible faithfully. Solid Bible teaching and fellowship with other Christians will help you grow in your new faith.

GET BAPTIZED

This important step of obedience is a public declaration of the faith you have placed in Jesus.

TELL SOMEONE

The Lord will use your story to show Himself to others who need to know Him.

CONTACT US

If there is any way we can help you along in your relationship with God, let us know! We have pastors and elders who would be happy to talk with you or pray for you. You can give us a call at the office, or visit a service in person at Athey Creek Church. May the Lord bless you.

BECAUSE, IF YOU CONFESS WITH
YOUR MOUTH THAT JESUS IS LORD
AND BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART THAT
GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD,
YOU WILL BE SAVED.

ROMANS 10:9