

JOHN 17:17, "SANCTIFY THEM BY THE TRUTH. YOUR WORD IS TRUTH."

BIBLE STUDY TOOLS FOR YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE



1. LOOK

What do I **see** when I answer these questions?

- **WHO?** Jesus is praying to God the Father
- **WHAT?** Jesus is praying for His disciples after He has comforted them with His final words of encouragement (ending with John 16:33)
- **WHEN AND WHERE?** After the Passover dinner/Before His arrest
- **WHY?** Because He loves the disciples and He knows what is about to take place (His crucifixion)



2. LISTEN

What is God **telling** me through His Word?

- **CONTEXT: WHAT COMES BEFORE AND AFTER THE PASSAGE?**
The disciples have obeyed, accepted, and believed the Word of God. Jesus asks for protection of the disciples from the evil one. They are not of the world, but they are being sent into the world for the sake of the gospel.
- **CONTENT: EXAMINE EACH WORD**
 - "Sanctify" is *hagiazō* which means "to be set apart" or "to be holy as God is holy"
 - "Truth" is a repeated word relating to the disciples' sanctification and the Father's Word
 - "Word" is given by the Father and spoken by Jesus
- **COMPARE TO OTHER SCRIPTURES**
 - John 14:6, "I am the way and the **truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **Jesus is the Truth!**
 - John 1:1, "In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." **Jesus is the Word!**
- **CULTURE: THEN VS. NOW**
 - Jesus (the Word) was physically with the disciples
 - Today we have God's written Word, the Bible
- **COMMENTARY**
 - *New American Commentary* on John 17:17, "Truth is here related to the word (logos) of God. But truth and the word in John are not merely ideas. They are to be embodied in people the same way that the word became flesh. Since God is holy, God's people are to be holy."



3. LIVE IT!

- **HOW DOES THIS TRUTH APPLY" TO MY EVERYDAY LIFE?**
 - I must accept God's Word as the ultimate truth in my life
 - I need to have the discipline to set apart time to read God's Word daily
 - I should allow His Word to sanctify me (to make me holy as He is holy)
- **WHAT ONE THING CAN I IMPLEMENT TODAY IN ORDER TO SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST?**
 - Facilitate a Bible Study
 - Start a Scripture memorization group
 - Host a worship night in my home