



Purpose 6

Purpose of the Elders Discipleship Group: To Train and Equip Discipleship Group leaders to lead more effectively.

Key Theme: Purpose.

Key Truth: Being sanctified in Truth establishes and builds the pure virgin.

Read: The sanctification of the church through the power of the Spirit and Truth is a very powerful aspect of God's will for His church. How familiar are you with this aspect of God's will?

*1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more. For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. **For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honour, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.***

*2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because **God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

*1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 Now may the **God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.***

*Hebrews 12:9 & 14 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? Pursue peace with all men, **and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.***

Jesus Himself was sanctified in Truth for the sake of His disciples, so what does this mean for us as Jesus' disciples today? To not be actively engaged in the process of sanctification which leads to our complete salvation, is to not be being perfected into this pure virgin. This is not a matter of whether we are justified or not but whether we are being conformed into the image of His Son.

To be in Christ is to be justified - The Christ being formed in you, is to be sanctified.

Questions:

1. **"For this is the Will of God, your sanctification."** What does this mean?
2. What does it look like to possess one's own vessel in sanctification?
3. To reject sanctification is to reject God. What impact is this going to have on us?
4. Complete salvation of spirit, soul and body comes through the sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. What does this mean?
5. What Life can one expect to receive, experience and live from if one is in this process of sanctification?

Action: What is one thing you may need to put in place from going through this resource?