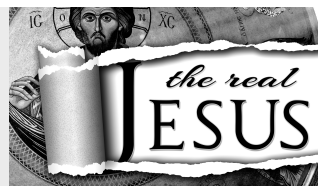


The Mission Statement

The Real Jesus – Part 53 John 17:6-19
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1. What makes someone 'happy'?

- A _____
- B _____
- C _____

2. What Does 'Holy' / 'Sanctified' mean?

“Set apart to serve”. The Bible refers to the **Temple**, the **Scriptures**, **God's Spirit** and **His People** as all being set apart to serve a specific role in the world.

John 17:17&19 **Sanctify** (set apart) them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁹ For them I **sanctify** (set apart) myself, that they too may be truly **sanctified** (set apart). (New International Version)

Romans 15:16 He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, **sanctified** by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his **holy** people,

Hebrews 10:10 And by that will, we have been made **holy** through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Eph. 5:3 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's **holy** people.

Rom. 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, **holy** and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

Col. 3:12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, **holy** and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

2. We are 'set apart' for a purpose (mission)!

As God's people we are all 'set apart' to live a life that brings honor to God in all we say and do. That is our common MISSION. As God's people, there isn't a single day that you don't have a purpose! God created us to do good, with our words and deeds that reflects Him (Eph. 2:10, Col.3:17). Paul says that we are 'Jesus' ambassadors' and that God is making his appeal to the world through us (2 Cor. 5:20)! As the Father sent Jesus into the world, in the same way Jesus is sending us (John 17:18)!

What makes someone happy?

*Having a purpose: pursuing work that is service to others—the sense that your job is making the world a better place... This is the belief that you are alive in order to do something... For example, **Christians believe that life is significant because God loves us; that our purpose is to love and serve God and other people...*** -Arthur C. Brooks PhD.

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Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. What are some common challenges that distract us from living as God's ambassadors everyday? What helps keep our focus on living 'set apart' for God each day?
3. Since God set you apart to serve and honor Him, take a minute and write, in your own words, a Mission Statement (try make it fit on a sticky note).

Notes:
