

TALK IT OVER



JOURNEY OF GRACE

KEY SCRIPTURES

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you **completely**; and may your **whole** spirit, **soul**, and **body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

² I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, ³ for you are **still controlled** by your *sinful nature*.

1 Corinthians 3:2

EQUATIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Popular Equation:

Salvation + Time +

Individual Willpower = Spiritual Growth

The Holiness Equation:

Grace + Cooperation with God +

Christian Community = Christlikeness

KEY QUOTE

"Sanctification is the continual cooperative effort between you and God to reorient your heart toward Him."

Pastor Steve

"It is not some thing that must die in them—they must die, in some real yet figurative sense, to what ruled their lives before."

Dr. William Greathouse

"Religious credentials will not suffice; moral standards will not be enough. One must die to one's confidence in the flesh."

Dr. David Busic

Select 1 or 2 questions from each section of this guide to lead your group or house church in a discussion. Feel free to adjust as needed. Each section is designed to follow each video segment of the message.

- **Video Section #1: Explore the Topic**
 - > Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking
- **Video Section #2: Explore what God says about the Topic**
 - > Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture
- **Video Section #3: Explore what we do with the Topic**
 - > Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps
 - > Pray it Out | Goal: Lift of prayers, petitions, and praises

Start it Out | Goal: Get people talking

- Where have you seen or recognized your life as a Journey of Grace?
- What do you see as the main differences between a heart transplant and a heart reorientation?
- Read the quote from Pastor Steve and ask, "When reorienting your heart for Sanctification what does a 'cooperative effort between you and God' look like to you?"

Talk it Out | Goal: Get the group talking about scripture

- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24. Based on this passage of scripture how would you define sanctification?
- In your opinion what does it look like for your "whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless?"
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:2. Knowing that Paul was talking to born again believers, what does the scripture indicate about the role of sin even after salvation?
- **Leader:** Discuss further the implications of sanctification and the role of holiness after salvation

Live it Out | Goal: Choose a question to encourage next steps

- Review the **4 Truths of Sanctification**: 1. Starts at salvation 2. Involves more than time 3. Cooperation with God and intentional training 4. Is a communal effort. **Ask:** What are your thoughts on Sanctification based on these 4 truths?
- Review the **EQUATIONS OF DISCIPLESHIP**, What do you see as the main difference between the Popular Equation and the Holiness Equation?

Pray it Out | Goal: Lift up prayers, petitions, and praises

- How can we pray for you this week? Take notes and follow up next week.