

Here are a few questions to guide your discussion of Sunday's text, John 17:

- This chapter presents Jesus' "high-priestly prayer" for his disciples. What stands out to you as you read it? Is there anything in particular that you find encouraging as his disciple today?
- What comes to mind when you hear or, in this case, read the word "sanctification"? (Feel free to be honest!) Do you like thinking about your sanctification? Dislike it? Maybe it's a mixed bag? Why?
- How does Jesus define sanctification in this prayer? Look specifically at vv17–19. What does it mean to be sanctified? What role does the word have in our sanctification? How does the rest of the prayer flesh that out?
- If Jesus' disciples are to be "sanctified in the truth," and if God's "word is truth," how should we approach our sanctification? This reference to "word" doesn't only mean the Bible, but rather the revelation of the gospel (which the Bible certainly gives us). What does it look like to meditate on the gospel? What are some practical ways you can make the gospel a treasured thought in your daily life?
- Let's say you know a believer who is stagnating in their sanctification. Maybe they seem joyless and unenthusiastic about church, for example. How might you encourage them in their sanctification based on John 17?