



## Discussion Guide

Week of October 7

### Getting Started

Who were the most influential people in your lives as children, teenagers and your adults? Why were these people most influential?

What is easy about being part of Christian community and what is hard about being part of Christian community?

When you hear the word sanctification what first comes to mind?

Grab your Bibles and look up the following passages. Discuss with one another what each of the passages have to do with becoming more like Christ (Sanctification) in a community?

Romans 12:2; Phil 3:12-13; Philippians 2:12-14; Acts 2:42-44

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### Sermon Review

Read Philippians 2:12-14 was the anchor passage this last Sunday. Pastor Jeff spoke on the importance of sanctification in the context of community. We were asked to consider a variety of scriptures and wrestle with this question...

Is Spiritual growth my job or God's job?

There are those that want it be all God's job and there are those that want it to be all our job. Jeff referred to the following passages as the place each camp will go to prove that it is all God or all man. Read the following passages together and see if you could tell which group would use which passage to "prove" their position.

Leviticus 11:44

Romans 7:18

After you discuss this discuss why it can be unhealthy to hang your theology on a single verse in scripture. Then discuss how you could graciously dialogue with a person that may passionately believe it is an extreme of either of the positions.

What does this sermon have to do with your mission of advancing Jesus Life Transforming movement of disciples making disciples?

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### Further Discussion

1. Do we naturally drift toward obedience and faith? Why or why not?
2. What does the following statement mean, and does it encourage or discourage you? Why or why not?

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“The gospel is an offer to live in the Kingdom of God here and now”

3. What does the phrase “sanctification is normative” mean?
4. What are the dangers of believing that sanctification is all my job or that it is all God’s job?
5. Read John 3:8 and discuss how this passage can inform our understanding of God’s sanctifying work in our lives.
6. How can this group be better at helping each of us be sanctified in Christ?
7. How can failures or successes in our walk with Christ trap us?
8. How intentional are you being in the process of sanctification?
9. Are there areas where you need to grow in your attitude or participation in community?

Explore Scripture Further

Acts 2:42

1 Thess. 4:3

Hebrews 12:14

Pray that God would give us hearts to continue to build community within our church.

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## In Prayer

Pray that God would open each life group member to the importance of God-honoring community. Pray that God would build that community through life group participation. Pray that God would guard our hearts and minds from sinful thoughts, words and actions towards one another as we build God-honoring community.



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