

## Big Idea

Pastor Rick – Part 2

We disrupt your regular scheduled Christian experience for great news: You have been **set apart** by the grace of God and empowered for the good of others and the glory of God! This weekend we continued the **Disruptive Discipleship** series with the second message titled Set Apart. Everyone seems to know this verse from the Bible: “You must be holy because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:16 (NLT) We think “holy” means “without sin”. We know that we are far from “without sin”. Obeying all 600+ rules and commands from the Old Testament won’t make anyone “holy”. That standard is unachievable. So stop trying!

The standard for our Christian life is not about religion or sin management of 600+ rules, it’s about empowerment by God. Holiness (being **set apart**) flows from a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. God picked you! In Jesus you are **set apart**. “It’s true that some of you once lived in those (sinful ways) but now you have been purified from sin, made holy, and given a perfect standing with God all because of the power of the name of the Lord Jesus.” 1 Corinthians 6:11 (TPT) Through Jesus Christ we are **set apart** into a right relationship with God!

What does this mean for how we should live each day? The Holy Spirit is given to us to be our guide: “Let us follow the Holy Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.” Galatians 5:25 (NLT) God wants a relationship over rules. Rules can’t do what a relationship in God empowers us to do.” That is the one command Jesus gave us: Love God and others. We can declare this: **I have been set apart by grace of God and empowered by the Spirit of God for the good of others and the glory of God.**

## Discussion Questions

- What comes to mind when you hear the word “holy”? How about the phrase “set apart”?
- Discuss this verse: “It’s true that some of you once lived in those (sinful ways) but now you have been purified from sin, made holy, and given a perfect standing with God all because of the power of the name of the Lord Jesus.” 1 Corinthians 6:11 (TPT)
- How can we live the kind of life that is “worthy of the calling you have received?” Ephesians 4:1
- What role is the Holy Spirit to be in our life to live “set apart” by the grace of God and empowered for the good of others and the glory of God? What does Galatians 5:25 say?
- Discuss how we can follow the Holy Spirit’s leading in our lives each day.

## Prayer Focus

Let’s pray that God will teach us to remember that our time on earth is incredibly valuable and keep our hearts focused on the truth that we are set apart for Jesus as we walk through the summer season. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to live the kind of life that would please God.

## Next Steps

People are the only thing we come in contact with that is eternal. Be intentional in every relationship and conversation to remember that you are set apart to represent Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Leader Tip

Take time this week to speak to each member of your group and learn where they are in their spiritual journey. Gather their prayer request and pray for them daily.