

## Home Group Questions - August 12, 2018

1. Name some big “church words” that you hear thrown around a lot. Are there any “church words” that you don’t know what they mean?

2. Our topic for this week is “sanctification”, another big church word. The dictionary defines “sanctification” as:

- a. to make holy; set apart as sacred; consecrate
- b. to purify or free from sin

What comes to mind as you read these definitions?

3. In 1 Peter, we see the idea that Christians are called to “be holy, because God is holy.” (1:15-16). Peter reminds Christians to:

- a. Obey (1:1-2; 1:14; 1:22)
- b. Resist evil (1:14; 2:1; 2:11-12; 4:1-2; 5:8-9)
- c. Be alert and of sober mind (1:13; 4:7; 5:8)
- d. Love one another (1:22; 3:8; 4:8; 5:5-6)

Which of these sticks out to you the most? Why?

4. What does Peter mean when he instructs Christians to “be alert and of sober mind”?

5. What are some things that prohibit us from “being alert and of sober mind”?

6. Again, we are called to “be holy, because God is holy”. In other words, we should be good, loving, kind, humble, etc., because God is all of these things. How does keeping this in mind affect the way you view your attempt to become holy?

7. There are two images that we see in scripture that help us grasp this idea of sanctification.

- a. Peter talks about how God has called us “out of darkness into his wonderful light” (1 Peter 2:9-10).
- b. Paul often talks about taking off our old sinful self, and putting on a new Christ-like self (Colossians 3:5-10).

Which of these images is more helpful to you? Why?

8. What is one area of your life that you need to work on sanctifying (stepping out of the dark and into the light, or taking off the old self and putting on the new)?