

DIGGING DEEPER

Introduction

SUNDAY RECAP

We started a new series, unpacking what it means to live consecrated lives and what it looks like to be set apart in how we use power, honor our bodies, steward money, and cultivate gratitude. Before starting the questions with your group, invite God to reveal Himself through His Word and by His Spirit during your discussion.

KEY PASSAGE: Romans 6:13

OPTIONAL ICEBREAKERS

- Share something in your home that's "set apart" for a special purpose (fine china, guest towels, etc.).
- When you hear the word "consecrate" what comes to mind?

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- 1. What's something from the passage or this week's message that resonated with you?
- 2. Read Ephesians 2:4–5 and Colossians 2:13–14. How do these verses describe what God has already done for us? Why is it important that consecration begins with what God has done, not what we do?
- 3. Consecration is offering the **whole** self and **every part** of life to God for his purpose. What parts of your life feel easiest to offer to God? Which parts do you hold back?
- 4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19–20. What is your response to the reality that you are not your own and you belong to God?

30 DAYS OF CONSECRATION: As part of this series, we invite you to participate with us as we set apart time to connect with Jesus. Each week, there is a Scripture to meditate on, daily prayer, and weekly practice as an act of worship. This week the invitation is to detach from one source of input (screens, news, podcasts, social media, etc.) as an offering to God. This is one way of creating space to listen and be with Him and also be more present with others.

Below are some ideas to try this week. Discuss with your group something you could try to help you grow.

- turn your phone on "do not disturb" for one hour each day this week
- Skip a podcast, playlist, or talk radio this week
- Take a break from the news or social media
- Go somewhere without your phone this week

GROUP PRAYER TIME: Share any personal requests before praying together. Incorporate this week's prayer of consecration by closing your prayer time saying it aloud together.

Lord Jesus, I belong to you. I offer my whole self and every part of my life to You Teach me to live as you intended, set apart for your purposes, filled with Your Spirit, and shaped by Your Love, Amen.

MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE: Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message. Check out **Cutting Room Floor** episodes that further unpack sermons and insights from preachers.



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UPCOMING EVENTS Learn more at fairoaks.church/events

- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Available in lobby Bring back filled boxes by or before 11/9 (Church will be collection site Nov 17-24)
- 11/1: **Men's Worship Night** | 7-9p | Church Plaza | Campfire & Smores
- 11/1, 11/8 & 11/15: **Grief Workshop** | 1:30-3:30p | High School Room
- 11/2: Congregational Meeting | 11:45a | Voting on church officers | Details at fairoaks.church/events
- 11/6 **WFO Women's Brunch** | 9:30-11:30a | Speaker: Linda Lawrence from FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)
- 11/8: **WFO Craft Fair** | 9a-2p | Family Life Center | Volunteers Needed Sign up at fairoaks.church/events
- 11/9: Missions Trip Interest Meeting La Esperanza, Mexico | 11:45a | AMC
- 11/9: **Thanksgiving Food Drive** | Bring items to church lobby
- 11/9: Moms Group/Clothing Swap | Details and RSVP at fairoaks.church/events