

# Life Group Guide: Changed by the Truth

Based on John 17

---

## Opening Prayer

Begin your group time by asking the Holy Spirit to teach you, reveal truth, and help you understand God's Word more deeply.

---

## Icebreaker

**On a scale of 1-10, how crucial is it to regularly read, study, and reflect on the Bible in order to fulfill God's purpose for your life?**

Be honest—what does your life actually reflect, not just what you think the "right" answer is? Share your number with the group.

---

## Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. **Jesus' Prayer Focus:** In His longest recorded prayer (John 17), just hours before the cross, Jesus spent most of His prayer on His disciples and us—not Himself.
  2. **The Power of Truth:** God's Word is absolute truth that transforms us. It's not "your truth vs. my truth"—it's THE truth.
  3. **Sanctification Through the Word:** "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth" (John 17:17). We are made holy and set apart for God's use primarily through His Word.
  4. **The Holy Spirit + The Word:** The combination of God's Word and the Holy Spirit has the power to change us. The Word tells us what to do; the Spirit gives us power to do it.
  5. **You Are God's Poem:** We are God's workmanship (poiema), created for good works that God prepared beforehand for us to walk in.
- 

## Discussion Questions

### Understanding the Message

1. **What stood out to you most from this sermon? Why?**

2. **Read John 17:14-17 together.** What does it mean that we are "not of the world"? How should this affect how we live?
3. **What is a "biblical worldview"?** How is it different from a secular worldview? Can you share an example from your own life where your biblical worldview conflicted with the world's perspective?

## Going Deeper

4. **Apostle Dave pastor said, "People can't change the truth, but the truth can change people."** Share a time when God's Word changed your perspective, behavior, or heart.
5. **Read Ephesians 2:10.** You are God's "poem"—His beautiful communication to the world. How does this change how you see yourself and your purpose?
6. **How did Jesus glorify the Father according to John 17:4?** How can we glorify God in the same way?
7. **The sermon emphasized that progressive sanctification cannot fully take place apart from God's Word.** Why do you think the Word is so essential to our transformation?

## Personal Reflection

8. **Be honest: What are the biggest obstacles that keep you from regularly reading God's Word?**
  - Time constraints?
  - Don't know where to start?
  - Find it boring or hard to understand?
  - Don't see the relevance?
9. **Apostle Dave mentioned that the Holy Spirit teaches us and brings Scripture to our remembrance—but He can't remind us of what we haven't read.** How does this challenge you?
10. **Read Romans 12:2.** What specific areas of your life need "renewing of the mind" through God's Word right now?

---

## Practical Applications

### This Week's Challenge

Choose ONE of the following to commit to this week:

#### Option 1: Daily Bible Reading

- Commit to reading God's Word every day this week, even if just for 10 minutes
- Before you read, pray: "Holy Spirit, teach me and reveal to me what I need to see"
- Suggested reading: Continue in John (chapters 18-21) or start a reading plan

### **Option 2: Scripture Meditation**

- Choose one verse from John 17 that spoke to you
- Write it out, memorize it, and meditate on it throughout the week
- Ask: "How does this truth change how I see myself, God, or my circumstances?"

### **Option 3: Word + Worship**

- Set the environment for Bible reading by starting with worship music
- Create a sacred space and time for encountering God through His Word
- Journal what God reveals to you

### **Option 4: Identify Your "Good Works"**

- Pray and ask God: "What good works have You prepared for me to walk in?"
- Identify your gifts, talents, and opportunities to serve
- Take one practical step toward using your gifts for God's glory this week

---

## **Group Accountability**

### **Share with the group:**

- Which option will you commit to this week?
- How can the group pray for you and support you?
- Exchange contact information to check in mid-week

---

## **Key Scriptures to Remember**

- **John 17:17** - "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."
  - **Ephesians 2:10** - "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."
  - **John 8:32** - "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
  - **Romans 12:2** - "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
  - **2 Timothy 3:16-17** - "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness."
-

## Closing Prayer Points

Pray together for:

- Hunger for God's Word
  - Holy Spirit illumination when reading Scripture
  - Transformation in areas where we've been conformed to the world
  - Courage to live out a biblical worldview
  - Discovery and use of our gifts for God's glory
  - Anyone who made a commitment to Christ or recommitment to reading God's Word
- 

## For Next Week

Come prepared to share:

- What did God reveal to you through His Word this week?
  - How did you see the Holy Spirit work as you read Scripture?
  - What difference did it make in your daily life?
- 

*"Your words were found and I ate them, and Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart." - Jeremiah 15:16*