



A GUIDE FOR LIFE GROUPS, FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY



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# THE CHRISTIAN FAITH | SESSION 15

**CHAPTER 15: THE SANCTIFIED LIFE, OR NEW OBEDIENCE** 

#### **READING & RESOURCES**

# Read before Life Group

- Kolb Chapter 15 "The Sanctified Life"
- Skim through Luther's Small Catechism section on the 10 Commandments

# Read at Life Group

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 2:8-10; Galatians 5:16-26; 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:10

# Watch Video

### **STUDY QUESTIONS**

- 1. There is a difference between active and passive righteousness (sanctification and justification). We do not have a role in becoming righteous/justification, only Jesus can do that for us. What role do we have in active righteousness/sanctification? If it can't save us, why is it important?
- 2. Dr. Kolb says in the video "We are freed from sin, the wrath of God, the condemnation of the law, and the devil. Because we are freed from these imprisonment in our lives, we are free for genuine human life that God designed for us." What are the attributes of genuine human life that we live under Christ?
- 3. The 10 Commandments (Exodus 20)
- 4. Faith produces works, yet we often ignore the calling of works inside and outside the church. What excuses do we use to not work for Jesus?
- 5. P. 245-6 Dr. Kolb gives a list of how our works flow out of faith. Which area do you excel at? Which one needs work?
- Giving thanks.
- Telling others of God's love through words and deeds.
- Taking risks and giving away possessions for the sake of others.
- Planning our lives around God's purposes instead of our own.
- 6. Making decisions is a part of everyday life; from staying in a job to what to eat for dinner! How do you let the Bible, the Gospel, and other Christians help you make decisions in your life?
- 7. P. 255 talks about living life in a way that helps others see Jesus in you and not in ways where they are offended by your actions. "...the Christian strives to win the neighbor, to correct perceptions and build faith rather then simply flaunt liberty and to prove one's own point." How would you live, or are you living, that out? If you aren't sure how to answer that, think in terms of potential hypothetical situations; you are at a party with someone who says drinking is wrong; you are meeting with someone who is afraid of Covid or another illness and always wears a mask; you are with someone at a meal who expresses the opposite political opinion as you; how do you live out your faith without offense?

# LIFE APPLICATION

Pastor Scott designed the Discipleship Pathway to help you find your next step in living the sanctified life. Scan through the Discipleship Pathway on the website or on the app. There are 22 steps depending on where you are in your faith. Everyone has areas of obedience to God they can make as a part of their life. Scan through them and find one to work through and learn more about. Then focus on that one step for the next month or two.