



sermon guide

**THE REAL
LORD'S PRAYER:**

John Chapter 17
week 2

WORSHIP

Read Ephesians 1:3-10 aloud. Take a moment to reflect on God's Word and center in Him.

FELLOWSHIP

Share one thing about yourself that your small group might not know.

DISCUSSION

Pastor Mike defined truth as "that which corresponds with reality."

Do you agree with this definition? If not, how do you define truth?

Do you believe that God has revealed truth to us? If so, in what ways?

Read John 17:13-19.

What does this passage reveal about Jesus?

What does it reveal about us?

In explaining sanctification, theologian Millard Erickson notes that "The Christian life...is not a static matter in which one is saved and then merely reposes in that knowledge. It is a process of growth and progress, lived not in the Christian's own strength, but in the power and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit."¹

How does this description of the Christian life align with scripture and/or your experience?

What might it mean to be sanctified by truth (v.17)?

What are you being shaped by? Consider especially how the ways you spend your time and the places you go to understand reality might be shaping you (e.g., entertainment, friendships, news sources).

What role does God's Word have in your life?

Is there any area of your life where you need truth?

How would it look for you to be sanctified by truth this week?

PRAYER

Pray for group, church, and community needs. Consider praying this prayer from Thomas à Kempis together:

O Lord Jesus, you took the narrow way; the world despised You. Give me the grace to model my life after Your life, the life the world hated; for the servant cannot be greater than his lord, nor can the disciple be above his master.

Instruct me in Your life, for there lies my salvation, there lies my true holiness.²

FOOTNOTES

1 Millard J. Erickson, *Christian Theology*, 3rd ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2013), 912.

2 Printed in Bruce Demarest, *The Cross and Salvation: The Doctrine of Salvation from Foundations of Evangelical Theology*, edited by John S. Feinberg (Wheaton: Crossway, 1997), 429.