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Sermon: **“The Sanctifying Power of Scripture” - John 17:17**

Date: **November 20, 2022**

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**Group Discussion Questions**

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. According to John 17:17, how are we sanctified? What does the Lord use as the primary means of sanctification in our lives?
3. What is sanctification? How would you define it?
4. Define and explain the differences between positional sanctification, progressive sanctification, and perfective sanctification.
5. How does progressive sanctification take place? Don't just simply restate what Pastor James said, but discuss it in your own words and using Scripture
6. Read Ephesians 5:15-21 and Colossians 3:16-17. How are these passages similar? When you take these two passages together, what do they teach us about the relationship between the Spirit and the word of Christ?
7. How does the Lord use his word to accomplish sanctification in our lives?
8. What can we do to cultivate a greater hunger and desire for God's Word? What would you say to a professing Christian who says, "I don't really have a desire to read God's Word, so I don't read it?"
9. What are the implications of what we've learned? What implications are there for Bible intake? Family worship? Preaching? Etc.