



Growing in Christ Together

FALL CHURCHWIDE SERIES

WEEK 5 – CALLING & COMMITMENTS

OCTOBER 12, 2025 - PASTOR BRIAN COLES

WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **This Is Our God** (*Phil Wickham*)
- **Reign Above It All** (*Bethel Music*)
- **You Keep Your Promises** (*Charity Gayle*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- John 17:15-23
- 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1
- 1 Samuel 13:19-22

OPENING PRAYER

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God for protection, wisdom, and guidance as you discuss the questions.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Believers in Christ are sanctified – set apart for God's purpose and made holy.
2. Sanctification is both immediate (positional) and ongoing (progressive).
3. As Christians, we are sent by God, just as Jesus was sent by the Father.
4. Our calling and commitments are meant to be lived out in community, not in isolation.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be "sanctified" as believers? How does this concept challenge or encourage you in your faith journey?
2. The sermon mentions three aspects of sanctification. Which of these do you find most relevant to your current spiritual state, and why?
 - **Positional:** When a person is saved through faith in Jesus Christ, they are immediately and irrevocably set apart for God, made holy in their standing before Him.
 - **Progressive:** This is the ongoing process of a believer's spiritual growth and conformity to the image of Christ. It is a cooperative work with the Holy Spirit.
 - **Ultimate:** This the final, future aspect where believers are permanently set apart from the presence of sin when they receive their eternal bodies in heaven.
3. Pastor Brian shared examples of Moses, Jonah, and Gideon pushing back against God's calling. Have you ever felt resistant to God's calling in your life? Share your experience.
4. How does understanding that we are "sent" by God impact your view of your daily life and interactions?
5. The sermon emphasizes that believers are both sanctified and sent together. How does this collective aspect of faith challenge our individualistic tendencies?
6. Reflect on the Petra Core Value: *"Sharing Jesus and Serving Others."* How have you seen this value lived out in our church community?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. Identify one area in your life where you need to embrace your "sanctified" status. How can you live this out practically this week?
2. Reflect on how God might be "sending" you in your current life circumstances. What small step can you take to respond to this calling?
3. Choose one way to intentionally engage in community this week, whether through serving, encouragement, or spiritual conversation.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank God for sanctifying us and sending us together as a community. Ask for His guidance in living out our calling and commitments in unity with fellow believers.