SET APART

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four components to a healthy group: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, we will study Colossians 1: 21-23 using inductive Bible study, which has three components: observation, interpretation, and application.

As the leader of your group, feel free to use whatever parts of this guide most help you do this!

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- Do you have a favorite snow activity or a new one you want to try this winter?
- What's your go-to cold day meal?
- Discipleship check-in:
 - Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
 - Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?

INTRODUCTION

As we continue our series Set Apart focusing on Holiness, we are turning to the book of Colossians this week. Through Paul's letter to the Colossians we are reminded that being set apart and holy requires daily commitment. As we keep our focus on the changing power of the gospel we are encouraged that holiness is to be lived out in our everyday lives.

OBSERVATION WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?

READ: Colossians 1: 21-23

DISCUSS:

- What does the text say about our former selves?
- According to the text, how do we receive reconciliation?
- What does verse 23 say about our faith?

INTERPRETATION WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN?

DISCUSS:

- What is the definition of "Sanctification"? How does the text point us toward the process of Sanctification?
- How are we changed when we put our hope in Jesus?

APPLICATION WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?

DISCUSS:

- Think about two people who see/ know most about your life like your daily habits, desires, etc. Would they say your life is trending in the direction of Holiness?
- If the answer to this is no, What is in the way of you sustaining an upward trend toward holiness?
- How can you fix your heart posture toward the gift of salvation in Jesus Christ that creates a faith like the one expressed in verse 23?

PRAYER

Take time as a group to pray over any daily habits that are hindering an upward trend toward holiness. Pray that as we continue to dive into God's word the significance of the Gospel would settle deep in our hearts and push us towards holiness.