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Leader's Guide – Your Anointing

1 John 2:27 | Pastor Dave Bennett | March 15, 2026

Session Overview

This session explores the biblical meaning of anointing and how every believer is empowered by the Holy Spirit to live into God's purpose. Through Jesus, believers are called into the roles of prophet, priest, and king, while also receiving God's healing for the broken places that keep them from walking fully in that calling. Participants will reflect on identity, spiritual empowerment, and the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Session Flow (60–75 minutes)

1. Welcome and Icebreaker (10 min)

When have you seen someone step into a role or calling they once felt unqualified for, and what made that moment stand out to you?

Purpose:

To help participants begin thinking about calling, identity, and the way God empowers ordinary people for spiritual purpose.

2. Scripture Reading (5 min)

Read 1 John 2:27 aloud.

Optional: Also reference 1 Peter 2:9, John 16:7, Ephesians 4:15, Romans 12:8, 1 Timothy 4:12, 1 Corinthians 6:19, and James 1:6-7 during discussion.

3. Discussion (40–50 min)

Use 6–8 of the following questions depending on time and group size.

Encourage personal reflection, spiritual confidence, and honest discussion about barriers to living in God's calling more than theological debate.

Leader Coaching Sidebar: Living in Your Anointing

- Remind the group that anointing is about God's purpose, not personal status.
- Keep the conversation centered on the Holy Spirit's empowering presence.
- Encourage honesty about doubt, insecurity, and spiritual attack.
- Highlight that Jesus fulfills prophet, priest, and king — and invites believers to live under His Spirit.
- Help participants connect healing with freedom to walk in their calling.
- Emphasize that brokenness does not disqualify people from God's purpose.

Discussion Questions

1. In the Old Testament, oil marked people as chosen, set apart, empowered, or healed. What does that teach us about the way God works in people's lives?

Leader Note: Draw out that God's anointing is connected to purpose, not prestige.

2. Why is it significant that Jesus is the Prophet, Priest, and King all in one person?

Leader Note: Help the group see that Jesus perfectly fulfills every role Israel once needed separately.

3. According to the New Testament, believers are now called to speak truth, intercede, and lead. Which of those roles feels most natural to you, and which feels hardest?

Leader Note: Encourage honest reflection without pressure or comparison.

4. What kinds of doubt or lies most often keep believers from living into their God-given calling?

Leader Note: Emphasize that doubt and spiritual attack often distort identity before they distort behavior.

5. The sermon mentions brokenness such as low self-esteem, emotional wounds, temptation, and physical struggles. How can those things affect the way a person views their purpose?

Leader Note: Move the group toward compassion and self-awareness, not shame.

6. What stands out to you about 1 John 2:27 saying that the anointing you received remains in you?

Leader Note: Help participants see the permanence and reality of the Holy Spirit's work in believers.

7. Why might healing be an important part of stepping into the roles God has called us to live out?

Leader Note: Encourage the group to connect healing with freedom, confidence, and obedience.

8. If you were to come for prayer today, which word would best describe your need right now — prophet, priest, king, or healing — and why?

Leader Note: Invite specific personal application and prepare the group to respond prayerfully.

4. Application and Prayer (10–15 min)

Invite each person to reflect on where they most need the Holy Spirit's help right now: to speak truth clearly, to intercede faithfully, to lead courageously, or to receive healing. Ask: "What would it look like for you to trust the Spirit and step more fully into that calling this week?"

Closing Prayer Suggestion

Lord, thank You for the anointing of Your Spirit that remains in us. Help us believe what You say about us and live fully into the calling You have placed on our lives. Strengthen us to speak truth in love, stand before You on behalf of others, lead with courage and humility, and receive healing where we are broken. Amen.