

BIG IDEA: Set apart by grace for the good of others and the glory of God.

SUMMARY

God has given us a vision for 2020 and it's *Set Apart*. There is an anointing, favor, and authority over that word for us this year. We are set apart by God for God; from this world for this world to think, talk, act, live, and most importantly, believe differently. Living set apart will challenge you and change you. It's a year of believing the best about each other and holding each other to our best. We want to awake and arise to the life we have in Jesus (**Ephesians 4:1**). We do that by living like the Spirit of God is within us and the Kingdom of God has been entrusted to us (**Galatians 5:25**).

KEY POINTS

HOLY: SET APART

- "Before you were even born He set you apart." (**Jeremiah 1:5**)
- "In Jesus, you are holy (or set apart) whether you feel you are or not." (**1 Corinthians 6:11**)
- "Faith comes by hearing, so we need to hear over and over again that we are set apart."
- "Holiness is kindness, strength, and security. It's freedom and purpose."
- "Don't live down to the world, live up to the kingdom. It's not the life you are leaving behind; it's the life you are empowered to live." (**1 Peter 1:14-16**)
- "Holiness isn't telling you what not to do; it's telling you what you don't have to do."

What is the Holy Spirit saying to you about holiness?

STANDARDS

- "We think *if I am better than them* then I'm good."
- "If the world is our standard and it's constantly sliding into darkness, we are sliding too."
- "You are supposed to wrestle with the Holy Spirit and ask, 'Is this good for me and others and does this glorify you?'" (**1 Peter 1:16, Galatians 5:25**)
- "Religion is right/wrong/can/can't/should/shouldn't."
- "God wants relationship over rules."
- "The wrong question is, 'How far can I go?'; the right question is, 'How can I go farther in Jesus?'"
- "Awake, arise! Jesus has empowered you to disciple nations and do the impossible—stop worrying if you are better than the world."

Where are you measuring your life by the world's standards instead of kingdom standards (righteousness, peace, and joy)?

HEART SOIL

- "There are four soil types: hard, shallow, thorny, and good—your heart is all of these soils."
- "The journey of living set apart is cultivating our heart soil so we can have good soil in every area of our life."
- "Jesus is Lord and He defines truth regardless of what that means for you—this is how we live set apart."
- "We cultivate the soil of our heart through the grace of Jesus."
- "Grace teaches you how to say no to the world and yes to God." (**Titus 2:12-14**)
- "Grace doesn't just forgive, it frees; it doesn't just cleanse, it changes; it isn't just undeserved favor, it empowers a new way of life." (**John 8:11**)
- "The Holy Spirit in you doesn't want to fit into this world; He wants to be set apart in the kingdom." (**Ezekiel 36:26-29**)
- "This life is not about sin management; it's about kingdom empowerment."

Where in your life is the Holy Spirit calling you to surrender the world's way and empowering you to choose His way?

ENGAGEMENT POINT

For the next twenty-one days pray, "Jesus capture my heart and help me live set apart."

NEXT STEPS

- We'll celebrate baptisms on March 1. If this is your next step, register for an upcoming Baptism class.