



Week #3 Game Plan: X's and O's



Are you on the winning or losing team? Often it comes down to simply having the right game plan. This week we continue our **Game On** series and discuss "Sanctification." To sanctify someone or something is to set that person or thing apart for the use intended by the one who designed it. A ball is "sanctified" when used in a game. Cars are "sanctified" when used to transport people. In God's Kingdom, things are sanctified when they are used for the purpose He intends. Someone is sanctified when they live according to God's design and purpose.

Relevant Information (Large Group)

- What was your favorite game as a child?
- Rate your week 1-5 (1 being difficult, 5 being great).
- What was one thing that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?
- Read Acts 20:32. In what ways is Paul trying to encourage the Ephesian elders?
- When you hear the "sanctification," what words or images come to your mind? Why?
- Describe an experience where you felt that God was using a set of circumstances to sanctify you.
- Read 2 Timothy 2:20-26. According to this passage, what are some specific areas that a Christian should sanctify themselves?
- Read John 17:17 & 2 Timothy 3:14-17. How can God's Word sanctify us?
- Share a story in the Bible where God used a set of circumstances to sanctify a person.
- Why is it important to understand sanctification?
- What are some practical ways a follower of Jesus can sanctify themselves?
- In light of our discussion, is there an additional insight you would like to discuss further with the group?

Gracious Obedience "Application" (Smaller Groups 2-6 people)

- What is one topic or concept that stood out to you in our discussion tonight?
- How can you apply that topic or concept to your life?

Walking Together (Smaller Groups 2-6 people)

- Share prayer requests with your group and commit to praying for each request this week.

Outreach (Large Group)

- Think of someone who you could connect with over lunch or coffee this week and specifically encourage them. If you are willing, share the name of that person with your group.