

Sanctified and Set Apart  
September 1st week

Session 1: Single Message

**Big Idea:** Each of us have been called. Each of us have been chosen by God to do something great for God. If you'll recognize this and respond to it, your life will rise.

**Scripture Foundations:** 1 Peter 2:9-10

*9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

*10 "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."*

**Lesson Title: Chosen By God**

**Introduction:** God puts a passion in every person. He shows us a problem, not just for the sake of observation but so that we can become part of the solution. I want you to understand today the process of seeing your passions realized. And most importantly I want to encourage you to let God's choice become your choice too.

**Transition:** Here's the process... God sets apart those who are serving... Sanctification happens in the fire. Not outside the fire. What's the fire? Our God is an all consuming fire! You get into Him, your press into Him — you remain faithful to Him, and He separates.

It has to do with the call of God on your life. He will separate you to the call, and He will separate from you anything that will interfere with His call on your life.

**Challenge:** He calls, and when you respond He chooses... Your response, then, is vital.

- Acts 13:1-3

*1 Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called "the black man"), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul. 2 One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them." 3 So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.*

**Application:** Pastor Rusty, what makes us thirsty in the Kingdom? Activity!

- Eph. 4:1

*Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.*

**Concluding Question / Call to Action:** What are you passionately pursuing? Are you active?