

the table [set apart]

Day 1 God's community

READ John 17:6-10 and Acts 26:18.

When we pray, we join the inner life of God as He exists in eternal community with the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. We sit at the feast of community that's always been shared within the Trinity since [what we know as] the beginning of time. To describe this as an honor is woefully inadequate. **CONSIDER** the picture below. Try to find a word which describes what it means to you to be included in God's community.



RE-READ John 17:6. It says you belong to God.
What's the significance to your identity and worth?

Day 2 Jesus prays for protection

READ John 17:11-12 and 1 Corinthians 6:11.

We're told to pray in Jesus' name.

What do you think that means? How does this protect us?

How does spending time in the community of the Trinity protect us?

What area of your life feels under attack right now?

Go to **the table** (prayer) and ask the Father for His protection in Jesus' name.

Day 3 Jesus prays for a full measure of joy

READ John 17:13-16 and 1 Corinthians 1:2.

Jesus didn't pray for His followers to be taken out of the world or to be loved by the world, but he says they can still have joy.

What's the source of the full measure of joy?

RE-READ the Scripture if you're unsure.

How does being one with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit create this joy? What does it mean to be in the world but not of the world?

Day 4 sanctified and sent

READ John 17:17-19 and 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

The Greek word *hagiazō* means set apart for sacred use; made holy or special. *Do you ever think of yourself in that way?*

That's how Jesus described his followers. God calls us to be part of something special... to be set apart for His work.

How would you live differently if this was your perspective?

READ 1 Peter 2:9.

What do you think it means that we're "a royal priesthood?"

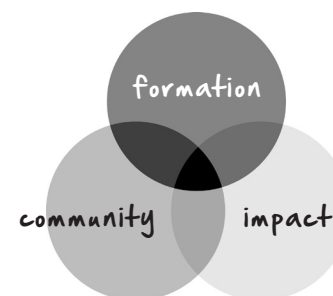
- We can go to God with no other mediator but Jesus
- We're called to a purpose that will bring God glory
- We're gifted by the power of the Holy Spirit
- We can bring other people to Jesus
- We're all brothers and sisters equal in Christ

Day 5 sanctify yourself

READ 1 Peter 1:2 and 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

We're sanctified as well as being sanctified. It's something God does AND something we do with God. **CONSIDER** the picture below.

It describes three behaviors which work together to create sanctification in each one of us. The sweet spot is right in the middle.



What must change in order for you to live in the sweet spot?