

Below are follow up questions for you to consider related to today's message *What God Will Do; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What makes for a good church? What's on your list?
2. What do you think of when you hear the word "holiness"? How does seeing Jesus as the embodiment of holiness change the way you think?
3. What is the difference between justification and sanctification? What happens if we confuse them?
4. What would it look like to be completely sanctified? What would you say to someone who is afraid that if they become too holy they will lose their personality and end up like a clone or robot?
5. How does holiness connect with being missional?
6. What are some practical ways to pursue holiness? What happens if you do this without keeping one eye on Christ?
7. Who is responsible for your sanctification? How does this passage help you keep the accent in the right place?
8. Where is God at work in you today to change you to be more like Christ? Would you be willing to share that with someone else for the purpose of prayer and mutual strengthening?
9. Why does our church have members meetings? What do we hope our members meetings might accomplish?

## Quote From the Message:

### RGC Statement of Faith

#### Statement 10: Sanctification

Sanctification is a progressive work by which the disciple of Christ becomes more and more free from sin and more and more like Christ (Romans 8:28-29, Ephesians 4:23-24). This work begins at conversion and, though it is carried out by the presence and power of the Spirit, it is a work with which the individual believer cooperates especially, by means of engagement in active obedience, prayer, meditation on Scripture, worship, and true fellowship with other believers (Psalm 119:9-11, John 14:15-17, Romans 8:13-14, Galatians 5:16, Philippians 2:12-13, 2 Timothy 1:14). Those who have been saved delight in the blessings of the gospel: the forgiveness of sins; the inward transformation of the heart that awakens a desire to glorify, trust, and obey God; and the prospect of the glory yet to come. Good works constitute indispensable evidence of saving grace (Ephesians 2:10, Titus 2:14, Hebrews 10:24, James 2:14-26). Though indwelling sin remains, actual growth in holiness is the norm for the Christian life (Romans 6:1-14, 2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, 2 Peter 3:18).

## Songs from Sunday ([Spotify Playlist](#)):

Only King Forever - Mack Brock, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, and Wade Joye

O Praise the Name - Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, and Marty Sampson

Jesus Paid It All - John Thomas Grape, Elvina M. Hall, and Alex Nifong

Crown Him with Many Crowns - Matthew Bridges

Lamb of God - Andi Rozier, Jason Ingram, and Meredith Andrews

*Worship Leader: Ryan Holland*

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**Next week:** Future Glory; Romans 8:18-30