

**Launch** – How do we live as people of God in cities, communities, and neighborhoods that seem to have no desire for the things of God?

**Read 1 Peter 3:15-17** – The word “sanctify” in the NKJV or KJV simply means to **set apart**.

- How would being set apart to the Lord help us to give a defense for our **hope**?
- Discuss the importance of the combination of being set apart with meekness and fear, in order to give a strong reason for our hope.
- Discuss the difference of being set apart, and not being set apart for the things of God.
- When believers are not set apart unto God, how is their witness for Christ received?

**Explore** – Discuss how Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego set themselves apart for the things of God and how God used him.

1. Daniel 1:1-8
2. Daniel 6:1-11
3. Daniel 3:8-30

What other verses or illustrations come to mind about those who set themselves apart for God?

What is the consequence for those who set themselves apart for God?

**Apply** – How can you apply what you just studied and learned? What sticks out in your mind about what it means to be set apart for God?

- What needs to change or be cultivated in your individual life to demonstrate what it means to be set apart?
- What steps could you take to allow this application to take place?
- What Bible verse could help you stick with your plan?

**Prayer** – Ask your group to pray for you to take steps to being set apart.