Joshua told the people, “Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.” (Joshua 3:5)

**CONSECRATE** = to make or declare something sacred; to dedicate something or someone to a divine purpose

Dedication requires ______________. (II Timothy 2:3-4, Mark 12:30)

Commitment to the Lord requires separation ____________ the world _____ the Word in _________ of people.

Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. (Gen. 2:24) (KJV)  
-James 4:4, I John 2:15

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. (John 17:13-18) (Romans 12:2)

-Deuteronomy 7:3,4a (also Genesis 24:2-3, Exodus 24:15-16)

Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can goodness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and the Devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: “I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore, come out from them and separate yourselves from them, says the Lord…”(II Corinthians 6:14-17a) (NLT)

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work...For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Exodus 20:8-10a, 11)

-Matthew 10:32, 33)

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**DIGGING DEEPER**

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your Care group)

Q1: Have you made some significant commitments in your life? If so, explain what they were and how they have impacted your life.

Q2: Read Hebrews 11:24-29. What decision did Moses make? (vs.24-26) Why did he make that decision? How did his commitment to the Lord shape his life going forward?

Q3: Are there some specific things you have separated from because of your commitment to Jesus? Are there some things you used to do that you no longer do or some things you now do that you didn’t used to do because of your desire to please the Lord? If so, explain.

Q4: What does “separating to the Word of God” look like in your day to day life? What might you do in order to strengthen and deepen your connection to God’s written word?

Q5: If you had an entire day to rest and refresh, what would you do/where would you go?

Q6: Read Isaiah 58:13-14 and Matthew 11:28-30. What do these verses teach us about our need for rest? Is a weekly day of rest still part of God’s plan for His people?

Q7: What kinds of things get in the way of believers setting aside one day a week for Sabbath rest? What specific things can we do to preserve and protect that day?

Q8: Read Proverbs 3:9; 11:25; 21:26. What do these verses teach us about giving?

Q9: After we have dedicated our lives to Jesus there are still more commitments to come. Is there any specific area of your life where you sense the Lord is calling you to make or renew your commitment to Him?