

S.A.L.T.
(Strategic Advanced Leadership Training)
at River Community Church

Welcome to SALT!

Our Mission is to grow fully devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ who can accomplish our vision of reaching the 1000 Islands for His Kingdom.

SALT is one of the ways we **help River Members grow** in their place of service to the Lord and His Church.

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, **for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;*** Ephesians 4:11-12

The **purpose** of these trainings are to unify the body under one vision/mission and to train up leaders to oversee the various ministries God has established at RCC to accomplish it.

Q: What can I expect here?

Welcome (“Shake and Howdy”...the evenings agenda)

Worship (Preparing our hearts to receive Him in song and prayer)

Where? (“Vision Focus” time)

Word (A study of Biblical principles for servant leadership as RCC)

Will (Living it out together; a time of sharing and encouraging one another)

Q:What is expected of Me?

That you come ready to receive and ready to share.

That you bring your BIBLE and build your SALT BINDER (and maybe a pen too...)

You will receive a 3 ring binder when you arrive. All training materials will be provided and punched for insert into your binder. These binders will act as an SOP/manual to guide us in leading our ministries unified together as one in heart and mind using God’s Word as our authority and inspiration.

Thanks for your participation in SALT! May God meet you here and inspire your call to service and leadership at the River!

Blessings to all,
RCC Pastors/Elders

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WHERE? (A Time of Vision Focus)

My Vision Test: What does God need me to _____?

Q: What is the Vision God has given us here at the River?

A: _____

Q: What is our plan to get this done?

A: _____

Focus at Hand: _____

“A place to Love and be Loved” (Acts 2)

My Vision Call: What does God need me to _____?

First things first: (These are the first set of **short term goals** for every leader at RCC.
We cannot lead people on paths we don't intend to travel ourselves)

Am I willing to be _____

Am I _____

• **in** _____

• **in a** _____

• **In a** _____

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Word (A study of Biblical principles for servant leadership as RCC)

**GOD SAYS: I AM _____ FOR A SPECIAL
_____ IN HIM”**

Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT) *“I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. **Before you were born I set you apart** and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”*

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.***

Deuteronomy 14:2 ***You have been set apart** as holy to the LORD your God, and **He has chosen you** from all the nations of the earth **to be His own special treasure.***

**I am Called and Set apart for a special purpose in Him: To be a
_____ For Jesus Christ**

1 Peter 2:9 ESV *But you are a **chosen** race, a royal **priesthood**, a **holy** nation,*

Q: So what do I do now?

A: First I must _____ the call

A: Second I must _____ of the call

*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.*** Ephesians 4:1 (NLT)

Word: Living a Set Apart Lifestyle

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Therefore, get your minds ready for action by being fully sober, and set your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 14 Like obedient children, do not comply with the evil urges you used to follow in your ignorance, 15 but, like the Holy One who called you, become holy yourselves in all of your conduct, 16 for it is written, “You shall be holy, because I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:13-15

The Call of God is a _____ Calling

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The word Holy means **SET APART** for the purpose/s of God.

hágios, hag'-ee-os;; **sacred** (physically, **pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated**):—(most) holy (one, thing), saint

Consecrate: make or declare (something, typically a church) **sacred; set apart formally to a religious or divine purpose.**

Our call to ministry is the call of God to be SET APART from the former things (our old life/world) and to live a disciplined life of our service to Christ and His Church.

Peter makes a charge to the early church leaders to *Be Holy*. While our righteousness and holiness is a gift of Grace, Peter understands we have a part to play as Spirit filled believers. Our part is to walk worthy of our calling in the power and grace awarded to us by the Holy Spirit at conversion.

Scripture called the priests and spiritual leaders to **Consecrate Themselves.**

Exodus 19:22 "Also **let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves**, or else the LORD will break out against them.”

2 Corinthians 7:1 *Since we have these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.***

The Call of God requires a _____ life

*27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to **keep himself unspotted from the world.***

James 1:27

Purity is a battle for our _____ life

*1:13 Therefore, **get your minds ready for action by being fully sober**, and set your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

Holiness begins in your thought life. What you think determines how you live. Deal with sin on the thought level! Judge wicked thoughts the instant you have them, confess them to God and replace them with thoughts of Him and His Word.

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 **casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God**, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

Purity requires spiritual _____

“**Being sober**” (1:13) is a favorite word for Peter (he uses it 3 of its 6 uses in the New Testament-- 1:13; 4:7; 5:8). It literally means “not drunk,” but obviously has a spiritual application, meaning **to be alert and self-controlled**. It refers to **clarity of mind resulting in good judgment**.

1 Tim. 3:2,11 *The overseer then must be **above reproach**, the husband of one wife, **temperate, self-controlled**, respectable, hospitable, an able teacher...*

The Call of God requires a _____ with our old life

*14 Like obedient children, **do not comply with the evil urges you used to follow in your ignorance**,*

Timothy was instructed to raise up elders and deacons whose life is above reproach.

Reproach (def): to be a cause of blame or discredit to the Lord and His ministry.

It requires we change our priorities and refuse to place ourselves in any situation that may compromise our witness.

1 Thessalonians 5:22 **Abstain from all appearance of evil.**

“do not **conform** to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.” (1:14 NIV)

The word “conformed” is used only one other time in the New Testament, by Paul in Romans 12:2: “And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind** that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” Phillips paraphrases it, “Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould, but let God re-mould your minds from within ...”

Breaking away requires we establish the habit of _____

14 Like obedient children, do not comply with the evil urges you used to follow in your ignorance,

“As obedient children” (1:14) is a Hebrew expression that means “characterized by obedience,” or “habitual obedience.” The implication is that God is our Heavenly Father whom we obey. His Word tells us how He wants us to live. We ought to obey God as a conditioned response.

Breaking away requires we establish a new _____

“Be holy yourselves in all your behavior” (1:15b). The word behavior is another favorite for Peter (6 of 13 New Testament uses are in 1 Peter, with two more in 2 Peter). It refers to conduct or, what we would call “**lifestyle.**” That Peter here links “holiness” with “behavior” and adds the word “all” is significant because many pagan religions of that time separated “cultic holiness” from everyday life. Peter is saying that **our separation unto God is to affect every area of life, both private and public.** There is no such thing as secular life that is not sacred for the Christian. Especially those called to ministry in the local church.

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Will (Living it out together; a time of sharing and encouraging one another)

Share and Encourage One Another (Group Discussion)

You will find a number inside your 3 ring binder. This will be your group number tonight. Find your table number in the fellowship hall, **grab a coffee and share some thoughts with your group about the following:**

Activity: Read this passage and discuss how it relates to what we learned about Living a Set Apart Lifestyle.

Paul gives instruction to Timothy in raising up of Leaders in **2 Corinthians 2:14-26**

14 Remind *them* of these things, charging *them* before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. **15** Be diligent to **present yourself approved to God**, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.** **16** But **shun profane and idle babblings**, for they will increase to more ungodliness. **17** And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, **18** who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. **19** Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, **“Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”** **20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. **21** **Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.**

Notes: _____

