

ALL FOR JESUS – week 1 - Consecration.

From the hymn by Frances Ridley Havergal written on 4th Feb 1874:

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

LENT 2026, from the new Archbishop of Canterbury:

“Lent is often characterised as a time for giving things up, for fasting and denying ourselves as Jesus did for 40 days in the desert. But this can be achieved just as effectively by taking up **new, life-giving habits.**”

BIBLE PASSAGES referred to in the video:

1 Peter 2:1-10 and **Romans 12:1-2**

Optional passage **Exodus 29:1-9 and 42-46** on the Old Testament act(s) of consecration.

SONGS OF WORSHIP – Songs like *You laid aside your majesty* (Noel Richards) or *I will offer up my life* (Matt Redman) will fit with the theme for this week.

THEMES EXPLORED this week:

The themes of *holiness, consecration and sacrifice* are introduced. Everything changes when Jesus comes! Believers are made holy through the sacrifice of Jesus and can offer themselves for God’s purposes. Peter sees the church as *chosen, holy, a priesthood of all believers, belonging to God*. They are a community with a purpose! Frances Ridley Havergal grounds the idea of consecration in the *daily offering* of praise and honour to God.

HEADLINES FROM THE VIDEO

This word **consecrated** means *set apart, made holy, dedicated, sanctified*. In the Old Testament, objects and places were consecrated. Anything involved in worship... like the tabernacle, the altar, the table and certain people like priests ... were purified and anointed and set apart. But all that changes with the coming of Jesus. Jesus offers Himself to God. He prays in John 17. *“I sanctify myself that they may be truly sanctified!”*

USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO CLARIFY AND DRAW OUT THE THEME(S):

1 Peter 2:1-10 and Romans 12:1-2 (Optional passage Exodus 29:1-9 and 42-46)

Invite people to discuss the meaning of the word ‘consecration’ in Scripture.

- What can we learn from the Old Testament teaching?
- How is the idea of consecration expanded or enlarged in the New Testament?

Invite people to consider the ‘vision and purpose of church’ we read about in 1 Peter ch 2.

- In what ways are we fulfilling God’s intention as the people ‘chosen by God’?
- What is the purpose for which we have been set apart and made holy?

Invite people to reflect on the words of the hymn and/or Romans 12:1-2. Consider using the Message translation of This passage.

- What ‘stirs’ in you (encouragement or challenge) when you read this?
- Is Jesus inviting you to approach a typical day, or your life, in a new way?

MAKE IT PERSONAL - WRITE YOUR OWN HYMN, POEM OR PRAYER (OPTIONAL)

Invite each person to consider the theme, what they’ve learned and what they are taking away. Encourage them to express this in *their own words* by writing their own “verse 1”. It could be just a few thoughts, some key words, a prayer, a descriptive paragraph, a rhyming verse!

GROWING IN OUR DISCIPLESHIP

It would be helpful to give group members a copy of this page 😊

Area of our discipleship	In words...	Key thought explored in this study	A question to consider
	Loving Jesus	A relationship with Jesus of love and joy, not just duty and obligation.	What has been stirring within as we’ve listened and talked?
	Learning from Jesus	Jesus offers His life to the Father.	Is there something new I’ve learned or discovered about myself or about God?
	Imitating Jesus	Each day is an opportunity to offer my life to God.	In what ways could I be a blessing to others in a practical way?
	Sharing Jesus	There may be God moments when I can speak about my faith.	Am I ready for the surprising God moments in my day?