

[Listen to John 17:18-19 sermon here](#) before time with your small group/ those you disciple.

“To enjoy & follow Jesus in a way that others will learn to enjoy & follow Jesus, too.”

The C.A.L.L. method will be the outline for our discipleship model:

Celebrate: Begin by celebrating where Jesus has been working in your life. How has Jesus answered prayer? What are areas where Jesus has blessed you and through you blessed others?

Accountability: Where are you responding to God's grace by walking in God's ways, practicing obedience to God's word as a response to Jesus' love for you? Is there anything specific you are trying to align with God's design for your life and loves as an obedience step from last week?

Learn it: (Summary of sermon below)

“As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.” (John 17:18-19)

- 1- What does this passage teach us about God?
- 2- What does this part of the prayer reveal about the purposes and priorities of God?
- 3- What does this passage teach us about our need, the need of humanity?
- 4- Where do we look for these needs to be met outside of God, His word, and His work? This is to ask, what mission do we seek that is not God's mission for His people?
- 5- How does the love of a sending God launch you into the mission of showing God's love to the world?

(see below for exposition and Biblical explanation)

Live It: What is application for your life and leadership? What are obedience steps?

- 1- How does this passage help you know God and see His priorities more clearly?
- 2- Where do you need to reshuffle your priorities?
- 3- Where in your life are you deluded to be more like the world, or disengaged with God and His mission to the world? Be specific.
- 4- What is your spiritual gift? Have you discovered it? Developed it? Deployed it?
- 5- Where are three places and who are three people you can love as Jesus loved you?
- 6- How can you (specifically) make these steps a reality in your life and leadership?

Summary of Sermon

Studying the High Priestly prayer of Jesus reveals God's priestly role for His people. The security Christians have in God's steadfast love is meant to manifest in significance of God's mission through us.

In regards to God's mission, Christians are generally:

Derailed- As Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams' [mission in space \(on the ISS\)](#)

Deluded- We have become like the world, afraid of being marginalized we lost mission

Disengaged- Christians focus on ourselves at the expense of responding to God's grace by giving ourselves for God's purposes.

Seeing God and His love and work for us deploys the Church for God's mission to the world.

1- One God who sends: "As you sent me, so I send (my disciples) ..."

Jesus has anchored His prayer in the Father's plan- famously in Garden- Not my will but yours be done. In John 17, "I have accomplished the work you sent me to do..." (3) and that He had "kept (the disciples) in His name (12). The Father sent the Son! And as we will see, the Son sends Spirit

a. From unity- One God in three persons

For God so loved the world, He sent His one and only Son... (**John 3:16**), and Jesus was committed to do the will of the One who sent Him (**John 5:30**) as Jesus celebrated the Spirit He would leave behind to help His disciples (**John 16, esp 14, and 20:21-22**)

b. From Love- 7:23-24

The Word that was "with God" (**John 1:1**) was in the bosom of the Father (**John 1:18**) and invites disciples to know His love through resting on His chest (as John, the beloved disciple, in **13:23**). The work of Jesus allows us to be adopted children of the Father, sealed by the Spirit of God whereby we cry, "Abba Father"... the "right to become children of God" (**1:12**). The unity of God's family is organic- abiding in love as a vine and branches- and bearing fruit through the fertilizer of God's love. In love, the triune God chose His people in Christ (Covenant of redemption- **Ephesians 1:4**) From love, the Father sent the son into the world (**John 3:16**) To show love, the Son obeyed the commands of His Father (**John 14:31**) In love, Christ offered His obedience and laid down His life for His bride (**John 15:19; Romans 5:6-10; 2 Corinthians 5:14**).

c. In the flesh

The gospel is the only place where we celebrate lasting love in the flesh- **John 1:14**. God is love, and He became flesh in the incarnation. Love was a person in Jesus- stopping to hear stories, heal disease, free people from demons and darkness, raise people from death, compassionately leading His sheep that Jesus eventually died for- Jesus came to serve and give His life as a ransom for many- doing exactly what love does- NO GREATER LOVE- than to lay down life for another. God's mission evidenced in the incarnation is more determined for you to know His love than you are determined to rebel against His love and look for other loves in life!

2- One mission God sanctifies:

[Leslie Newbigin](#)'s story illustrates how deluded and disengaged the Church can become! The gospel wakes us up to the work Jesus has prepared in advance for us to do in His mission to the world.

a. From unity- Many members, each have a role

1 Peter 4:10- every Christian receives God's grace and spiritual gifts from God- no exception. @ 19 Spiritual gifts in NT (3 key lists) and no one has all of them (Jesus) but all of us have some of them, and we need each other (One body- One Spirit- One mission- **1 Corinthians 12**).

b. From love- even when the world hates us

From God's steadfast love, Children of God walk in love as He loved us (**Ephesians 5:1-2**). The same could be said of God's Holiness (**Isaiah 6**), compassion (**Exodus 3**); sovereignty (**Jonah 1-3**); covenant care (**Ruth 2**); grace (**John 21**), truth (**Acts 16**)... any way you encounter God! You are compelled into God's mission

c. In the flesh

As Jesus' apostle (little a), Christ's ambassador, and minister of reconciliation (**2 Corinthians 5**).

Christians are deployed! To love everywhere, serve everyone, steward everything, for eternity- now- in all you say with your lips, do in your labor, with your lives, oriented by love.