

Sermon Title: SO THAT... So That We Are Sent

Sermon Scripture: John 17:13-19



Sermon Discussion Guide (10/25)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read John 17:13-19 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

In John 17:19, Jesus prays that God does not take us from the world, but protects us while we are here in this world. Where have you seen God protecting you in the world? Where have you seen purpose in God keeping you in the world?

How does Jesus describe the relationship between truth, sanctification, and being sent into the world? How does this prepare you for serving others, working in missions, or sharing the Gospel?

How did Jesus demonstrate His mission through His interactions with others? What examples show that He moved towards people who were overlooked and rejected by society? How has this changed how you see others and how you interact with them?

When you think about your own life, where do you find it most difficult to live in the world but not be of the world? How do you reconcile the disconnect between living in the world and remaining a follower of Christ?

Application

What areas of your life reflect the values of the world more than they reflect the values of Christ? What practical steps can you take to allow God's Word to shape your character, priorities, and decisions?

Who are the overlooked, hurting, or marginalized people in your community whom you might be avoiding? What is one specific way you can follow Jesus' example by moving toward them and meeting a need this week?

How can you maintain the joy of Christ when facing difficult circumstances, rejection, or people who have beliefs and values that differ from your own? What helps you remember that your joy comes from your relationship with Jesus rather than your circumstances?

Jesus sent His followers into the world to share His love and truth. Where is God calling you to go? Are being called to serve locally, nationally, or internationally? What's preventing you from being sent?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for being our sustainer. You walk beside and you prop us when we are weak, you provide our joy when we walk through trials. I thank you that when you yoke us to you, it's a light burden. We are freed from the burden of the world that weighs down and overwhelms us. Thank you for giving us an example to follow, so we do not rely on our own understanding, but we rely on you and your power. In your name, we pray, Amen.