

Sermon: Not of the World, but Sent into the World.
Series: *Glorified to Glorify God.*

Scripture: John 17:12-19.
Date: June 18, 2023

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) What things is God doing in this passage? Make a list of everything Jesus asks God to do. How do these things encourage you in your Christian walk?
- b) The world is the self-righteous system that rejects the rule of God and the grace of God. It can be good or evil, moral or immoral. In what ways can something good still be worldly? OR...how can both good and evil be anti-God or anti-grace?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Read 17:16. What does it mean that Christians are not OF the world? Do you think a Christian can still be worldly? In what ways?
- b) Jesus says that the world will hate us (17:14). What do you think Jesus means by this? Why might the world hate both Christianity and Christians?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Read 17:19. Jesus says that he consecrated or sanctified himself (he set himself apart for God's mission) so that we might also be sanctified. Why is it so important that we see ourselves as already sanctified before we strive to be sanctified?

APPLICATION

- a) Jesus has sent us into the world while telling us that we don't belong to the world. How can a Christian balance these two truths? How have you personally balanced these two truths. Do you tend to emphasize one of these over the other (ex: emphasizing in the world over not of the world, or vice versa)?
- b) Jesus prays that we will be sanctified in the truth (17:17). In what ways have you seen the word of God sanctifying you recently? How has it been encouraging you?

FIGHTER VERSES: John 17: 15-19.

PRAYER

- Praise God for choosing you from out of the world.
- Confess ways that you have been worldly (rejecting God's rule and his grace).
- Thank Jesus for sending you out on mission.
- Ask God to help you to stay dedication to the mission in the world.