

WRITE IT DOWN!

A People Sent

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LISTEN UP!

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I. What we ARE NOT . . .

1. A People _____ the World (17:14-16)

2. A People _____ by the World (17:14)

3. A People _____ of the World (17:15)

II. What we ARE . . .

A People _____ the World (17:18)

Three missional tools God wants to use:

1. Our Gospel _____ . (17:16-17, 19)

2. Our Gospel _____ . (17:21-23)

3. Our Gospel _____ . (17:14)

III. WHY?

So that the World may _____ and _____ the Gospel!

THINK IT OVER!

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1. Read John 17 again. What is the setting and context of this beautiful prayer by Jesus? What are some of its interwoven and layered themes?
2. How do we know that Jesus is praying for us and not just for the original 12 disciples who were in the room?
3. In John 17, how many times does Jesus mention the word “world”? What does Jesus say about His own relationship to the world? In what verses? What does Jesus say about the Christian’s relationship to the world, specifically in 17:13-23?
4. What does the word “sanctify” mean? How are we sanctified according to 17:18-19? What does Jesus mean when he says he sanctifies himself in v. 19? What does it mean for us to live sanctified lives?
5. John 17:13-23 shows us 3 missional tools that God wants to use as we are sent to the world. What are they? How are they used? For what purpose? Discuss how this all works.

WORK IT OUT!

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1. What did you like about this text and message? What moved you? What challenged you? What didn’t you understand?
2. Which are you most prone to in relation to the world: flight (separatism), fight (triumphalism) or blend (syncretism)? Talk through how Jesus’ prayer keeps us from all three pitfalls.
3. Think about our LIFESTYLE (sanctification) and its relations to the Gospel in the world: Why does it matter if college Christians sleep together before marriage? Why does it matter if a Christian couple divorces? Why does it matter if a Christian business owner cheats his customers?
4. Think about our CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (unity, oneness) and its relation to the Gospel in the world: Why does it matter if a church splits? Why does it matter if Christians refuse to resolve conflict and forgive? Why does it matter if Christians even gather together at all?
5. Think about OUR WORDS in relation to the Gospel in the world: What if we only live in a Christian way, but never speak the Gospel? Why must we speak? What happens if we speak the Gospel, but don’t live it?
6. What does it look like for us to be A People Sent to the Central Coast?