

Who is Jesus? The Gospel of John

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Thinking Like a Missionary (John 17:6-19)

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

1. Know Where You Belong

2. Know Why You're Here

3. Know What to Expect

For Further Thought and Discussion:

Getting Started:

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?

Going Deeper:

2. Jesus prays, “As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.” (John 17:18). How did Jesus view his time on earth (See John 4:34; 9:4-5; 17:4)? How should this impact our mindset?
3. Why doesn’t Jesus pray for “the world” (v. 9)? How do we reconcile this statement with God’s love for the world (see John 3:16f)? Why does Jesus pray instead for his disciples (see vv. 9-10)?
4. What does it mean to be “holy,” or “sanctified” (these words are closely related in Greek; see vv. 11, 17, 19)? How does being sanctified by God change our relationship with the world? In what sense are disciples of Jesus no longer “of the world”? Why is it critical for us to realize that we are set apart *from* the world, *for* the world?
5. Why does the world hate those who belong to Jesus (v. 14)? What’s the fundamental divide? How does this impact the way we approach mission?

Application:

6. Jeff asked three questions to help us develop a missionary mindset: (a) where do I look for belonging? (b) where am I forgetting my calling? (c) am I prepared to take the long-view? Which of these stood out to you? Why?
7. What’s one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?