

## John #9: Sent Into the World John 17: 1-26

**Objective:** We want to see that Jesus has sent all Christians into the world with a specific and significant purpose: To live in their new Gospel identity and to share this Good News to the world in word and deed.

### Launch

Have you ever been asked to do something that you felt totally unprepared or unqualified to do?

### Background

*The past couple of weeks we have looked at some of Jesus' last teachings with his disciples. Very soon, He will be betrayed by one of his disciples (Judas) and handed over to the authorities who will have him crucified. John 17 allows us to see the intimate moments of prayer that Jesus has with the Father before he is seized.*

### Explore

Read John 17:1-26

- 1. What words would you use to describe Jesus' relationship with the Father?**  
*(referencing specific verses might be helpful – v. 1,4,5,9,10,11,. . . closeness, intimacy, giving glory to Father, receiving glory, reliance, obedience, faithfulness, trust, communication, knowing each other deeply, unity. . . )*
- 2. What purposes did the Father send Jesus into the world to accomplish? Write on white board.** *(v1-To glorify God, v2-giving eternal life, v6-revealing God to lost people, v8-passing on Gods message (the Gospel), v12-protecting and guarding those who have been saved, v-14proclaimed God's word, v19 sacrifice his own life to save others, v20,1-20 praying for followers)*
- 3. As Jesus prays for his disciples in verse 14, what does it mean that “they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world”**  
*(They have a new identity, a new family, a new belonging in God. They are hated by the world because they no longer belong to the world and they think, act, and live differently than the world because of their new identity and belonging to God)*
- 4. Read v. 18. Jesus is sending his disciples into the world just as the Father sent Him**

**into the world. Look at the list on the white board.**

- **What is Jesus sending his disciples to do?**
  - **What was Jesus sent to do that ONLY He can do?**
- 5. From the passage, what does God provide to the disciples to enable and prepare them to be sent?** *(they can know God intimately, eternal life, they have the word of God, a new identity, unity with all other believers, unity with Jesus and the Father, fullness of joy, protection from the evil one. . .)*

### Apply (discuss in small groups)

Jesus' is praying for all people who will hear the Gospel and place their faith in Him. . . that includes us today!!

Jesus is sending each of us who trust and follow Him with a specific purpose that has great importance and eternal significance.

- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus has sent you with a specific and significant purpose? What is that purpose?
- What motivates you to want to do what Jesus has sent you to do?
- What prevents you from living for Jesus' purposes?
- Are there specific people or places you believe God has sent you to?

**Pray for each other that we would live as “sent ones”.**