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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

BOTH+AND — *IN THE WORLD - NOT OF THE WORLD*

Warm-Up Question:

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READ: John 17:11-19

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- ▶ Jesus is “named” at his baptism (Matt. 3:16-17) as the “beloved Son, with whom [God the Father] is well pleased.” If we are united to Christ and protected “in his name,” how does should that affect us and how we live in the world?

II. IN THE WORLD: SANCTIFIED BY TRUTH

- ▶ Jesus asks God in v. 17 to “sanctify” us in the truth. It means to be made holy, or set apart, to be transformed more like Jesus. In what ways have you been sanctified in the past year/few years? What would your spouse/friend say?
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III. IN THE WORLD: SENT GRACIOUSLY

- ▶ What do you think it means to not just live in the world, but to be “sent into the world” by Jesus (v. 18)?
- ▶ Where and in what ways do you feel “sent” by Jesus? What gifts/resources/etc. has Jesus given you in order to help others experience joy in Jesus?

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“Live in the world, but do not let the world live in you.”
- Augustine of Hippo

“A ship lives in the water; but if the water gets into the ship, it sinks. So Christians may live in the world; but if the world gets into them, they are ruined.”
- Charles Spurgeon

For Prayer:

- Praise God for delivering you out of the world.
- Confess to God where you have lived too much “in” the world.
- Ask God for wisdom for where and how he has “sent” you into the world on mission



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John 17:11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. **12** While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. **13** But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. **14** I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **15** I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. **16** They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. **19** And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Prov. 18:10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Matt. 3:16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; **17** and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

John 15:11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.