

# AMONG THE NATIONS



## You've Been Sent

### Main Idea

For God So loved that world that He sent His son as a sacrifice, that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life through union with God.

### Overview

- **What is the manner in which we have been sent?**
  - John 17.18: “As” Father sent the son, “So” Son sends us (17.20)
    - Father sent the Son in Love: John 3.16
      - Love was an unconditional Love
      - Love that was sent towards sinners (Romans 5.8)
  - Father also sent the Son to sacrifice (John 17.19 & 20.20-21)
    - Jesus “consecrates” (gives Himself up)
    - Jesus shows holes in hands and side then commissions
      - Sacrifice is necessarily connected to the commissioning
- **What is the purpose in the sending? What is it He “sent” us to do?**
  - Jesus prayed specifically for us (today) & commissioned us: John 17.18
  - This commissioning sits in between the sanctification of the word (John 17.17, 19)
    - Part of the sending entails the telling of words that bring sanctification
    - That sanctification is eternal life
      - Eternal life is knowing God and the Son He sent: John 17.3
  - With the Believing of this word and the coming of life we are reconciled to God: John 17.11b, 20-23
    - The Good news of the Gospel is the union, the Oneness with God
- **As the Father sent Jesus in sacrificial love to redeem a wayward people for Himself, so we are sent into our context in the same way to see people come back into fellowship with God for His glory**

### Questions

Discussion starter: Do you know anyone/anything else that is sent on a mission? Is there a “manner” to their mission? Is their mission clear? Can you see it?

1. How did the Father send the Son? (“As”) Point out places in the Scriptures that show these ways.

2. "So" how can we be loving & sacrificial in our being sent?
3. Read 17:20. Christ did not only commission his the disciples, but also us. What does it look like to "live sent?"
4. How does the world speak of eternal life?
5. Read 17:3. According to Scripture, what is "eternal life?" (John 17.3) How does this inform the WAY in which we speak the Gospel? How does this inform the Christian Life?
6. Why is Jesus so interested in us knowing/believing that the Father sent the Son? (John 17.3b, 8b, 18, 23b, 25b)
7. What is the mission of God and why does being sent demand words? (John 17.17, 19)
8. Why is Jesus so interested in our being one with God? (John 11b, 21-23)
9. Discuss the freedom and beauty of this God that He would want to share His glory and love with we sinners. (John 17.22-26)

Accountability: In what ways are you either being obedient or disobedient in living a life that is "sent" by God? What is the motive behind each action?