

SHARE THIS: The Proof

John 17:13-21

1. As we close out this series on sharing our faith, what has been most impactful to you?
2. In John 17:1-26 we get an inside look at Jesus' prayer life. What does Jesus' prayer reveal about what matters to Him?
3. In John 17:15, Jesus prays that the Father wouldn't take His followers out of the world.
 - a. Why do you think Jesus' prays this?
 - b. Consider Matthew 5:13-16, Matthew 6:13, and John 20:21.
4. God doesn't just send us into the world, He sends us into the world to be different. In what ways should followers of Jesus stand out in their environment, the places they already inhabit?
5. On Sunday we learned that we are not alone in sharing our faith. How does the church family help you be on mission? Consider 1 Corinthians 12:1-12 and Romans 12:3-8.
6. What role does love play in the mission we've been given by God? Use Philippians 2:5-11 and Ephesians 5:1-2 to guide your discussion.
7. What is one tangible way you can begin loving people in your life in a greater way?

Study Guide for Leaders

(some additional thoughts on the questions)

a. SANCTIFICATION

- a. Set apart
- b. Term meaning being made holy, or purified, it is used broadly of the whole Christian experience.¹
- c. Sanctification relates to being or becoming holy.²

d. GOD WANTS US IN THE WORLD [JOHN 17:15]

- a. Jesus wants His followers in the world [He has a reason for us to be there]
- b. As we live in the world and on mission, Jesus asks for our protection as we face hostility

c. GOD WANTS US IN THE WORLD TO BE DIFFERENT [JOHN 17:17]

- a. Once we become a follower of Jesus, we are set apart to God in a specific way
- b. We are to give visible proof that Jesus changes lives and He is alive
- c. Through interacting with God's Word, we become conformed to the image of Jesus

d. GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE DIFFERENT [JOHN 17:18]

- a. God not only wants us in the world, He sends us into the world
- b. As a follower of Jesus, you are a sent one, you have a mission.

e. GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO BE DIFFERENT BY HIS LOVE [JOHN 17:20-21]

- a. We are a family on mission whose received God's love and sent into the world to share it
- b. What Jesus has done and how He lived is our model for how to live and to love.
- c. We're not alone in this; we have the Spirit and we have each other

¹ Elwell, W. A., & Beitzel, B. J. (1988). [Sanctification](#). In *Baker encyclopedia of the Bible* (Vol. 2, p. 1898). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

² Litwak, K. D. (2014). [Sanctification](#). D. Mangum, D. R. Brown, R. Klippenstein, & R. Hurst (Eds.), *Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.