

Sermon Discussion Guide

August 21, 2022

READ

Read John 20:21–23 aloud and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap: *Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:*

- In the book of John, Jesus most frequently identifies himself as “the Sent One.” As followers of Jesus, our primary identity is “sent one.” So, living sent isn’t what we do; it’s who we are.
- To live sent is to be a witness. We witness what God is doing around us and then we witness to others what God has done for them in the gospel.
- God uses ordinary people who lean into the Holy Spirit for power and guidance to make disciples of all nations.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. For what purpose did the Father send Jesus into the world? In light of that, what does it then mean for us to be sent into the world as Jesus was sent?
2. Think through different areas of your life—family, workplace, friends, neighbors. What do you see God doing around you? Who is in front of you? What needs can you meet?
3. What are the biggest challenges you face in leaning into the Holy Spirit for power? For guidance?
4. What are 2–3 questions you can use to initiate gospel conversations?

Weekly Response Questions	Prayer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Reflect: What does the identity of Jesus as “Sent One,” and our identity as “sent ones” teach us about God’s heart and mission?<input type="checkbox"/> Respond: What is one way you can grow in yielding your life to God as a platform for service?<input type="checkbox"/> Reach: Who is God sending you to be a witness to this week?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Ask God to make us a congregation that lives as “sent ones,” making disciple-making disciples, in RDU and around the world.<input type="checkbox"/> Pray that many in our community would believe in Jesus and receive forgiveness through his name (Acts 10:43).

