



The World

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"My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one, I in them and you in me, so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." **John 17:15-18 (NIV)**

1) What is the world?

The world is Satan's domain, where his authority and values reign, though his deception makes it hard to realize. If you are of the world, then it all seems right. **Gerry Breshears**

2) Are we of this world?

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever." **1 John 2:15-17 (NIV)**

3) Am I sent to the world?

"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."
John 17:18 (NIV)

A) Unified - Acts 2:42-47



B) Sanctified - Ephesians 2:1-5

"Atheism [Christian faith] has been specially advanced through the loving service rendered to strangers, and through their care for the burial of the dead. It is a scandal that there is not a single Jew who is a beggar, and that the godless Galileans care not only for their own poor but for ours as well; while those who belong to us look in vain for the help that we should render them."

Julian the Apostate

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What was one thing from the sermon that grabbed your attention? What did you sense God saying to you about the sermon? What are you going to do about it?
- 2) How would you define what the Bible refers to as the enemy of the world? How is this different from the people of the world (1 John 2:15-17 vs. John 3:16)? Note: two different uses of the word "world"
- 3) How have you experienced the pressure/temptation to conform to the world around you (ideas/beliefs/desires/behaviors)? How do we resist the influence of the world around us (Romans 12:2)?
- 4) Why is the unity/community of followers of Jesus so important to the mission of Jesus and our calling to reach the world with the message of Jesus (John 17:20-23)?
- 5) In your opinion, where are places that followers of Jesus need to be more "set apart" from the things of this world? Where do you need to be more "set apart"?
- 6) How can a Journey Community be God's vehicle to bring change to the world? How could your JC take steps to become more like the church described in Acts 2:42-47?