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# SUCCUMBING TO PEER PRESSURE, OR ON MISSION INTO THE WORLD?

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## CHOOSE A PATH

- Isolation, Assimilation, or Commission

## WHAT “THE WORLD” REALLY IS - AND WHY IT PRESSURES YOUR KIDS

- Ephesians 2:2, 6:12
- Three catechisms your kids hear all day:
  - a. “Belong here.”
  - b. “Be like us.”
  - c. “This is who you are.”

## JESUS’S “COMMISSIONING” FRAMEWORK – AN EXAMPLE FOR PARENTS THAT DISCIPLE

- a. **BELONGING:** Identity and Community Grounding
  - i. John 17:6, 11, 21
  - ii. They BELONG to Christ and are MEMBERS of the Church
- b. **FORMATION:** Truth that reshapes how they see reality (worldview)
  - i. John 17:14, 17
  - ii. Kids won’t resist peer pressure by sheer willpower; they resist by “re-formed imagination”—seeing reality differently through truth.
- c. **PREPARATION:** Remove surprise – set expectations
  - i. John 17:14-15
  - ii. Jesus normalizes friction. He treats rejection as expected, not as a sign something is wrong.
- d. **COVERING:** Protection and prayer
  - i. John 17:9, 15
  - ii. Commissioning is not throwing your child into the world unguarded. It’s sending with wisdom and intercession.
- e. **COMMISSIONING:** Sent into the world on mission
  - i. John 17:18, 20-21
  - ii. Jesus defines their future as purposeful sending

**THE PARADIGM SHIFT** ➔ We’re not raising kids who avoid bad stuff. We’re raising kids who carry Christ into an antagonistic world.