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

PRESENTED BY DENNIS MCNUTT

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.

