

# Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas  
May 17, 2026 – Sent by the King: Faithful in a Hostile World

**Main Passage:** Matthew 10:16

## **Main Idea:**

As followers of Christ, we should expect opposition, endure pressure, and remain faithful under fire, trusting that the same Spirit who empowers witness will sustain us in suffering.

### **1) The Reality We Must Accept**

**“Look, I’m sending you out like sheep among wolves.”**

- Followers of Christ are sent with purpose
- The world is not neutral toward Christ
- Opposition to the Gospel should not surprise us
- We are sheep living among wolves
- 1 Corinthians 1:18, 1 Corinthians 1:23

*“What should surprise us is when we expect unbelievers to act like believers.”*

## **The World We Are Entering**

**“Like sheep among wolves”**

- Sheep are vulnerable and dependent
- Wolves oppose Christ and His message
- Some wolves attack openly
- Some wolves pressure compromise subtly
- The mission field is hostile, but still our mission field
- Ephesians 6:12

*“The wolves are not our enemy—they are the mission field we are sent to reach.”*

## **The Wisdom We Must Practice**

**“Be as shrewd as serpents.”**

- Wisdom is commanded, not optional
- Shrewdness means discernment and awareness
- Followers of Christ must think before speaking and acting
- We are called to avoid unnecessary conflict
- We must represent Christ carefully and faithfully
- James 1:5

*“Wisdom is not compromise—it is careful obedience.”*

## **The Purity We Must Maintain**

**“And as innocent as doves.”**

- Innocence is purity of motive and character
- Our lives must match our message
- The Gospel must be shared with love and integrity
- We cannot compromise our character to “win.”

*“The message of the mission must be matched by the character of our lives.”*

## **The Balance We Must Hold**

- Wisdom without innocence becomes manipulation
- Innocence without wisdom becomes naivety
- Followers of Christ must think clearly and live purely
- We are representatives of the King

“Don’t be like the world to reach the world.”

## **Application**

- Don’t be surprised when opposition comes
- Don’t panic when the world pushes back
- Don’t quit when following Christ becomes difficult
- Live wisely and represent Christ faithfully

## **Bottom Line**

**If we are sent by the King, we must live with wisdom in how we engage the world and purity in how we represent Him.**

*“To be a follower of Christ is to be sent by Christ.”*

*“The world already finds the message of the Gospel a stumbling block; don’t add more fuel to the fire by acting manipulatively or without wisdom.”*