

A. Sermon Slides

Slide 1: Title

Eternal Coordinates: Witness

John 17:13-19

Slide 2:

John 17:13-19 (ESV)

But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Slide 3:

- 1) Truth
- 2) Worship
- 3) Community
- 4) Witness (Mission)

Slide 4:

"apostello" (Greek) = sent = "missio" (Latin)

Slide 5:

"As you (missioned) me into the world, so I have (missioned) them into the world."

Slide 6:

At least 3 "types" of church mission (there are others):

- 1) Ezra (Fixing people)
- 2) Nehemiah (Fixing walls/things)
- 3) Esther (Fixing systems)

Slide 7:

What it means to be "on mission" (missional):

1) Sent to Show

John 17:6 (ESV)

"I have *manifested* your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world.

Slide 8:

Lie 1: The world is your home, so prosper and make the best of it. (Eden)

Lie 2: The world is not your home, so huddle up, survive and wait to be beamed up.

Truth: The world is not our home, but we have been strategically planted as ambassadors for God's kingdom.

Slide 9:

What it means to be "on mission" (missional):

- 1) Sent to Show
- 2) Sent to Save

Slide 10:

- * Evangelism in the church in 2020
- * Evangelism in the world in 2020

Slide 11:

We are all being a witness to something.
We are all evangelizing.

Slide 12:

John 4:13-14 (ESV)

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Slide 13:

How do we know if we are being missional?

1) Persecution

"I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world."

Slide 14:

Where can we expect persecution?

- 1) Evil people
- 2) Religious people
- 3) Family people
- 4) Zealot/Activist people

Slide 15:

How do we know if we are being missional?

1) Persecution
2) Joy

"But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Slide 16:

Joy is married to purpose (mission)

"He who has a why to live, can bear almost any how."

Friedrich Nietzsche

Slide 17:

We lost joy because we believed a lie that the highest goal was for personal fulfillment or happiness.

Slide 18:

"For the joy set before Him..."

B. Group Discussion

1) What do you think about when YOU think about the words witness, or mission? What have those words meant to the world and in the church? What do you think it means now?

2) When thinking about being "missional" in various ways....(responding to God's call on our lives to be purposeful and to join Him in mission, using whatever we have for whatever He wants)....where does He usually lead your heart?:

- a) Ezra Mission: *Calling people back to God. Bible. Discipleship. Biblical Truth.*
- b) Nehemiah Mission: *Using your skills and talents to restore and fix. To make safe and to bless.*
- c) Esther Mission: *To change systems from the inside out so that it reflects God's values more clearly.*
- d) Other ways?

3) How can all of us participate in SHOWING God to others?

4) How can all of us participate with God in SAVING others?

5) Have you ever been persecuted (harmed or suffered) because of being on mission with God?

6) Have you ever experienced joy because of living for a greater purpose than your own or others temporary happiness?

7) Prayer and praise