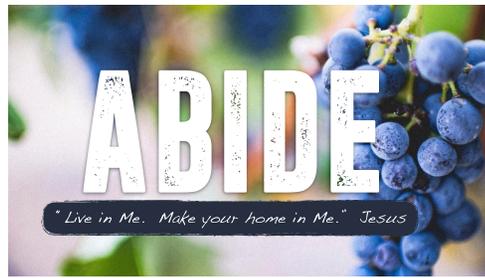


## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia Message...

#### Sent into the World

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor  
June 26, 2022



- **We often see discipleship & the Church through the lens of comfort, convenience, & consumerism.**
- **We often approach discipleship & the Church with a self-centred posture.**
- **Disciples of Jesus reject the posture of self-centredness & embrace the posture of “sentness”.**

John 17:6-8 (NLT) “I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word.<sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you,<sup>8</sup> for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

John 17:9-12 (NLT) “My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you.<sup>10</sup> All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory.<sup>11</sup> Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are.<sup>12</sup> During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.”

John 17:13-19 (NLT) “Now I am coming to you [Father]. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy.<sup>14</sup> I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.<sup>15</sup> I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.<sup>16</sup> They do not belong to this world any more than I do.<sup>17</sup> Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.<sup>18</sup> Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.<sup>19</sup> And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

- **Jesus sends His disciples into the world to carry on His mission.**
- **Disciples of Jesus embody “sentness”.**

• **“Sentness” has some qualifiers & magnifiers as well.**

• **“Sentness” means we are... Committed to Unity & Love.**

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• **“Sentness” means we are...Anchored in Truth (God’s Word).**

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• **Seeing Christ for who He is moves us from self-centredness to “sentness”.**

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**Big Idea: Choose to be a disciple of Jesus by rejecting self-centredness & embracing “sentness”.**

**Action Step: Actively engage with an Impact Community to live out your “sentness”.**



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- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? What steps will you take this week in light of this message?
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