

## IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD

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**Get a Grip & Get a Life // Preparing for Departure // John 17:11-19**

### **CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships**

1. What's new in your life since the last time we met? And where do you see God at work in the life around you?
2. If you had to live on top of a 60-foot pillar for a week like Simeon the Stylite, what three items would you bring with you (and why)?
3. Share a moment when you felt "in the world but not of it." What made that moment stand out?

### **REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives**

4. Read John 17:11-29 [have someone read it aloud for group time]. What stood out to you in the sermon this week and what did God reveal to you in His Word, maybe for the first time?
5. Jesus said His joy could be made full in us. What does that joy look like in your life? What threatens it?
6. How do you respond when the world hates or misunderstands your faith? What helps you stay grounded in truth and love?
7. How does the truth of God's Word sanctify believers?
8. Jesus prayed for our sanctification through the Word. How are you currently engaging with Scripture? What helps you stay consistent?
9. What other practices help you to resist worldly influences and live differently for Christ?
10. Where do you most need God's protection from evil right now?
11. What is one area this week where you can intentionally live out your "sent" identity—whether through a conversation, an act of service, or a moment of boldness?

### **PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)**

12. Where in your life right now do you sense the temptation to adopt the world's values rather than living by God's values?
13. What's one truth from God's Word that you need to cling to this week?
14. How can we help you to stay grounded in joy, even when life feels heavy?

Pray for one another, asking God 1) to make the joy of Christ full in each of our hearts, 2) to protect us from the evil one, and 3) to give us courage to live as His sent ones in the world.



## Announcements

It's time to sign up for our annual church-wide day of service which we call **Love My Neighbors Day**. We will gather to serve together as a church on November 15. Each year, we choose a neighborhood in our area where we seek to bless our neighbors through service projects. This year, we'll be focusing on the area around Elliott Duncan Park in Mayodan. Most projects will run from morning until lunchtime, with a few projects requiring some prep work in the days before. Everyone who signs up will receive a free New Vision T-Shirt! **We want everyone involved!** Sign up online at <https://nvf.life/lmnd>. We need to get official numbers for shirts over to our printer this week, so please **sign yourself and your family up right now!**

## Resources for Going Deeper

Check out these 2 links from GotQuestions. The first explores what it means to be in the world but not of the world. The second explores the biblical concept of sanctification and how it relates to being set apart for God's purposes.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/in-but-not-of-world.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/sanctification.html>