



SUNDAY 28TH JANUARY 2024

Topic: Lifestyle of Worship "In the world but not of it"

John Ch 17

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Sermon Notes

- Jesus came to save and restore (v1-4)
- But there is more, Jesus calls us to continue His mission (v10-11)
- This is the means of great joy for us (v13-15)
- To be the visible revelation of the unseen God (v25-26)
- Expressing the love of God through us to the world (v25-26)

Small Group Questions/Discussions

Share very briefly your experience of Jesus saving and restoring you. What has taken place since? How do you see your relationship growing? Have you ever felt like just waiting for heaven instead?

How do you think the disciples would have felt when they understood that they were now called to continue the ministry of Jesus? How do you respond to that call on your life? Does this bring you great joy or is it a heavy burden? What makes the difference – where does your hope come from?

We have a new philosophy on life, totally opposite to worldly thinking. How then are we to be involved in this world, but not get caught up in human thinking? What extremes do we have to overcome – how do we get the balance right? Do you feel you are intentionally still in the world as God would want? What does that look like?

Jesus talks about being sanctified, becoming more like Him. In this way we allow people to see what God is like. How do you feel about being the visible expression of God's character? What should dominate your heart and mind?

Our calling is to express the unconditional love of God to the world, to establish His kingdom here on earth. Again, an overwhelming responsibility, unless we know how this is meant to work. Discuss God's plan, process and provision for this to take place. With this in mind, how do you feel about your role here on earth?