



# LifeGroup Discussion Questions

## Eternal Emissaries | October 29, 2023

### Summary

Pastor Dale kicks off Wooddale Worldwide Week with a sermon focusing on John 17:13-19. Missionaries represent Jesus to the world, reflecting Jesus in character, courage, love and compassion. As Christians, when we live out our faith, we can be effective ambassadors for Christ by reflecting His joy and encountering Christ through worship and personal holiness.

### Scripture

But it was the LORD's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's good plan will prosper in his hands.-Isaiah 53:10 (NLT)

And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people...."-Luke 24:19 (ESV)

"Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. 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. I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth."-John 17:13-19 (NLT)

...And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.-2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (NLT)

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.-Hebrews 12:2-3 (NLT)

## Let's Start

Why does the world hate the gospel?

## Gratitude and Prayer

How has God worked in your life since the last time we were together?

## Let's Talk

1. What challenges and criticisms do you think missionaries might face in their work?
2. How can personal holiness impact your ability to represent Jesus in your daily life?
3. Pastor Dale alluded to some things that hinder us from being missional. Relativism (relativism says there is no one truth. Everyone has their truth, and these days that truth amounts to one's feelings) and Individualism (individualism is the "me first" mentality. My needs, my comfort and my fulfillment are what matter most.) Have you experienced these viewpoints?
4. In what ways can you reflect the joy of your salvation and encounter God's presence in your worship?
5. Is there any reason you wouldn't be willing to go on mission with God? Who or what is holding you back?
6. What practical steps can you take to be more effective in your mission to share the gospel and live out your faith?

## Let's Act

Take advantage of the different offerings this week to learn more about Wooddale's global partners.

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