

Sent

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(Notes by Jessie and members of congregation)

Introduction

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He is a Minister - but all ministers & Priests

Body

Question – Are you sent into the world?

- All called but do we feel stuck?
- How do we get to God's model?

CHRISTIAN CENTRIC - To pursue our vision, God's way, so He gives us what **we want**

KINGDOM CENTRIC - To pursue God's Kingdom, God's way, so we give Him what **He wants**.

Matt 6:10 ESV (see also Lk 11:2) *"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."*

- Gen Z open to gospel as never before.
- Young people do not have attitude set.
- It takes a village to raise a child.
- Youngsters need fathers and mothers in the faith.

1 Cor 4:15 (NLT) *"For even if you had ten thousand others to teach you about Christ, you have only one spiritual father."*

Problem

- Only 40% of Gen Z attend a church.
- Discipleship is not a regular rhythm in many churches.
- Only 4% of Gen Z adhere to a Biblical Worldview.

Christian conversions: 94% 18 yo or under, 6% after 18.

Matt 9:37 (NKJV) *"Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few.'"*

Sentness - Sent is used over 30 times in the gospel of John!

- **John 17:18** *"Just as you sent me into the world, so I have sent them [that's us!] into the world."*
- **John 20:21** *"Just as the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*

I have been SENT by Jesus into every interaction, with every person, in every circumstance, each and everyday of my life

- Parent has joy when child missing and found. **Lk 15**
- Greatest compliment is to be mocked for associating with undesirables.
- People have so much value to God
- But almost seems like evangelism has become a dirty word.
- We are not God's plan B
- Our job description is to assist.
- All called to do it.

Question: HOW DO I RESPOND WITH AN ATTITUDE OF SENTNESS WHEN...

- a cult member knocks on my door
- my character is attacked on facebook
- I starting chatting to a new guy at soccer training
- a muslim family moves in next door
- my school friend is discussing gay marriage
- I call a customer service hotline & they aren't helpful
- I see someone I tend to have conflict with

We have the choice to live as **thermometers** who just read the temperature & react or we can live as **thermostats** who set the temperature, asking God how you can intentionally direct the conversation & move them towards Jesus

God has sent you.

Practicalities: List all the non believers you know & then cross the name off the list if:

- You don't know their partner or spouses name
- You don't know their first & last name
- You don't know their hobbies
- You haven't eaten a meal outside of work/school/uni or a forced setting

Those left are friends and all others acquaintances.

Progression: Acquaintances, friends, Personal Conversations, Spiritual conversations, The Gospel

A **relational journey** from acquaintances to friends. Build trust. Genuine care. Serve. Play the long game.

The gospel spreads through relationships:

- 98% of believers say biggest factor was a personal relationship with a Christian friend
- 60% of people don't know any Christians personally

Can I invite people into other spheres of my life?

“If you want to become a part of their journey towards faith in Jesus then you need to go on a relational journey towards them.”

Who is one acquaintance that I'm committed to going on a relational journey with?

Write down their name.

It's my choice.

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 ADVANCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD THE WAY JESUS MODELLED IT.

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