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SERMON OUTLINE

JESUS AS THE ONE WHO SEEKS GOD'S GLORY

JOHN 17:1-26 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

After Jesus gave His last teaching at the Last Supper, He came before God's presence and offered a prayer for Himself, the disciples who were with Him and the future believers. At the onset of His prayer, it was evident that Jesus sought to glorify God. In His sacrificial death at the Cross, He asked to be glorified so that as He gave eternal life to all whom the Father has given Him, the Father would be glorified. This prayer also affirmed the deity and preexistence of Jesus as He shared the Father's glory before the foundation of the world (vv. 1-5).

In His prayer for the disciples who were with Him, Jesus asserted that He had revealed God's name to them. These disciples kept the word of God, came to know the truth and

believed Jesus was sent by the Father. Jesus declared that He was glorified in their intimate union with the Father through His work in them (vv. 6-12).

As Jesus looked forward to being united with the Father and as He prepared to leave the disciples in the world, He prayed that His joy would be upon them despite being hated by the world. He also prayed for God to keep them safe from the evil one and to set them apart for a sacred mission. Jesus dedicated to sacrifice Himself at the Cross so that His disciples would be empowered to fulfill their calling (vv. 13-19).

In the end, Jesus prayed for future believers who would believe in Him through the work of the disciples who were with Him. Jesus prayed that

they would all be united as He and the Father are one so that the world may believe that He is the Promised Messiah and that they are loved by God as the Father loves Him. He also expressed His desire that all believers would be with Him in the Father's presence to see the restoration of His glory given to Him before the ages began. Jesus closed His prayer declaring how He revealed the Father's name to the believers and would continue to do so, in order that all believers would experience the love of the Father (vv. 20-26).

As we learn in this sermon that Jesus is the One who seeks God's glory, we will be challenged to seek to glorify God as we take an active part in our mission of making disciples. ✱

EQUIPPING PEOPLE FOR INTENTIONAL DISCIPLEMAKING IN MISSIONS

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The Great Commission is at the heart of Christian missions, and intentional discipling is essential to fulfilling this call. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus commands, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." This requires deliberate action—an intentional effort to invest in relationships and guide others in their journey of faith. It's about living out the gospel in a way that others can see and follow.

Equipping people for intentional discipling involves teaching them to view every encounter as an opportunity to share Christ. Discipling is not just about teaching or preaching, it's about walking alongside others, building relationships, and modeling a Christ-centered life. It requires a long-term commitment, patiently mentoring others as they grow in faith.

Being involved in our outreach in Bilbid Prison, I've come to a deeper realization: discipling is not just for those living freely, but also for those deprived of liberty. Prisons and other places of confinement are mission fields we often overlook. These environments are filled with individuals searching for hope and redemption. Like the apostle Paul, who continued discipling others while imprisoned, we too can minister to those behind bars.

People in prisons are often more open to the gospel as they seek transformation and new beginnings. Equipping believers to disciple in these contexts creates opportunities for long-term change. Discipling in prisons isn't just about offering short-term ministry—it's about building relationships, mentoring, and helping individuals grow spiritually. The effects can be far-reaching, with transformed lives impacting families and communities beyond the prison walls.

Intentional discipling is tied to the broader mission of going, sending, and giving. These three aspects are crucial to fulfilling the Great Commission.

Going: Obeying the Call

Some are called to "go" physically—to cross cultural or geographical boundaries, or to reach out to marginalized groups in their local communities. Going is an act of obedience, stepping out in faith to bring the gospel where it is needed most. Whether this means traveling to foreign lands or engaging with the people around us, those who go are essential to advancing the gospel.

Sending: Supporting the Mission

Not everyone can physically go, but sending is equally important.

The early church demonstrated this by sending out Paul and Barnabas with prayer, support and encouragement. Sending means supporting missionaries and discipling makers with resources, prayer and connection. Those who send enable the work of those in the field and ensure the mission's continuity.

Giving: Sacrificing for the Kingdom

The third part of missions is giving. Financial support is critical for mission work to thrive, but giving also includes offering time, talents and prayers. Sacrificial giving is an act of worship, a way of partnering in the mission even if we are not physically present. When we give, we invest in the spread of the gospel.

Friends, as we celebrate mission's month, may we be reminded that discipling is central to missions, requiring intentionality in everything we do. Whether we are going, sending, or giving, each of us plays a vital role in advancing the gospel.

The mission field is vast, including not just the usual settings but also prisons and places of confinement. Let us remain intentional in discipling, bringing the message of hope to all people in varied circumstances. ✱

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