

Mission Mindset Quiet Time Series

February – The Heart of the Mission

Week 7: Desire to do God's Will for the Lost

John 17:13-14

- Jesus is praying before His arrest for the disciples, both the original disciples and all His faithful followers that are to come. Jesus in his prayer says that through His word we can have the full measure of His joy, but we will be hated as He is hated. That being a Christian, truly doing God's will and following Jesus' word wholly means that opposition will rise.
 - *Jesus wasn't hated because He was just so nice, why did people hate Jesus?*
 - *Why was Jesus willing to be hated by the world?*
 - *How do you feel about being hated?*
 - *Where are you tempted in your life to compromise on God's commands to not be hated? Where are you afraid to speak the truth? Who are you afraid to preach to?*
 - *Why should we be willing to be hated for Christ's sake?*

John 17:15-17

- Speaking the truth and boldly preaching the gospel, as well as boldly living for holiness causes hatred from the world because it contrasts how different the light is from the darkness. Jesus knows that when we are faithful and preach boldly, we will be hated; however, Jesus doesn't pray for us to be removed from the difficult situations, but rather Jesus prays that God helps us stand strong through them. As Christians we no longer belong to this world, we serve a higher kingdom, a greater purpose, we speak as those who know a greater way.
 - *Why do you think Jesus doesn't pray that we are removed from the persecution?*
 - *How can you stand out more in your life? Where do you blend in?*

John 17:18

- For the very same reasons and purposes and motivations that Jesus was sent to the world by God (John 3:16-21) so Jesus has sent us into the world after our re-birth.
 - *Why did God send Jesus? What was Jesus' purpose/mission on Earth?*
 - *Why are you here? Why has Jesus kept you on this planet? Why is He calling you to Lehigh?*

Read through John 3:16-21 looking for why God sent Jesus, what was God's motivation, what was Jesus' mission, and what message did Jesus bring because of that? Note that men rejected Jesus as He called them to come into the light, look for the boldness in Jesus' purpose.

Reflect on why Jesus has you on this Earth still, why hasn't he taken you to heaven? This week focus on being BOLD.