

DID GOD REALLY SAY?



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Opening Question

What does the phrase "in the world but not of the world" mean to you? How have you heard it used in Christian circles?

Key Takeaways

- 1.) The phrase "in the world but not of the world" is not actually found in the Bible, but is a misinterpretation of Jesus' words in John 17.
- 2.) Jesus prayed for his followers to be protected and empowered as they went into the world, not to be separated from it.
- 3.) We are called to engage with the world and shine Christ's light, not isolate ourselves in Christian bubbles.

Discussion Questions

- 1.) How has the "in not of" mentality affected your approach to living out your faith?
- 2.) Read John 17:14-18. How does Jesus' prayer for his followers challenge our understanding of how we should relate to the world?
- 3.) Pastor Zach mentioned that this misinterpretation has led to "spiritual segregation." What are some ways you've seen this play out in Christian communities?
- 4.) How did Jesus model engagement with the world in his ministry? (Consider the examples of the Samaritan woman, the woman caught in adultery, etc.)
- 5.) What are some fears or concerns that might hold Christians back from engaging more fully with non-believers or "sinners"?
- 6.) How can we maintain our Christian values and identity while still building meaningful relationships with those outside the church?

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Practical Application

- 1.) *Identify one area of your life where you've been isolating yourself from non-believers. Brainstorm ways to intentionally engage in that area this week.*
- 2.) *Think of a person or group you've avoided due to differences in beliefs or lifestyle. Pray for an opportunity to show Christ's love to them in a practical way.*
- 3.) *As a group, plan an activity or outing that takes you outside your usual Christian circles. Discuss how you can be salt and light in that context.*
- 4.) *Reflect on your daily routines. Are there small changes you can make to increase your interactions with people who don't share your faith?*

Closing Prayer

Lord, thank you for sending us into the world as your representatives. Give us courage to engage with those around us, wisdom to maintain our Christian identity, and love to shine your light in dark places. Help us to be protected by your name as we go, just as Jesus prayed. Amen.