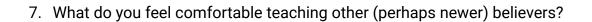
## Sermon-based Growth Group Questions Gathered In, Called Out John 17:15-18 October 29, 2023

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling?

- 1. What does it mean to be "sanctified"?
  - a. You are being set apart for what purpose?
- 2. How can you be in the world but not "of" the world?
  - a. What are some ways that we take ourselves out of the world?
- 3. Should we have friendships who are non-Christians?
  - a. 1 Peter 3:15 says, "but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." What needs to happen for non-Christians to see God in us and ask us where are hope\* comes from?
- 4. The world can be dangerous and full of temptation. Why shouldn't we be afraid? (See Hebrews 13:5-6)
  - a. How does knowing about our eternal hope\* help us deal with how we might be treated today for our faith?
- 5. How does Jeremiah 29:4-7 relate to how we should live in Long Beach today?
  - a. What does the prospering of the city mean?
- 6. We are called to go. What activities can you get involved with (or are involved with) where you can share your faith?

<sup>\*</sup>Remember that "hope" in the Bible means an assurance grounded in who God is.



- a. What do you need to do to be able to teach or disciple other believers?
- 8. What does it mean to be called to be  $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$  witness?