

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?

*Remember that “hope” in the Bible means an assurance grounded in who God is.

7. What do you feel comfortable teaching other (perhaps newer) believers?
 - 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 a witness?