

Weekly Sermon Discussion Guide

May 19, 2019

Sent, Gathered, and Dispatched

John 20:19-22

Ephesians 2:8-10

EXPLORING THE SERMON

- What did you hear?
- What did you think or feel about what you heard?
- What is one thing you can take away from the sermon this week?

KEY VERSES

²¹ *Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."* **John 20:21**

¹⁰ *For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.* **Ephesians 2:10**

DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION

As God's people, we live life in two categories:

- 1) As people "gathered" within our congregation; loving, serving, and growing together in the context of community.
- 2) As people "dispatched" to our individual callings; sent by God with intentionality and purpose.

In **John 20:21**, Jesus tells his disciples: *"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

We are the ones who Jesus is now calling to be sent out into the world. Whatever your work, God has sent you in this dispatched way that places you within His work.

How have you been dispatched into this world?

Think about the particular intentionality, purpose, and location by which you have been dispatched.

How has it already made a difference in your life? In the lives of others?

Ephesians 2:10: ¹⁰ *For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*

How might believing that you were created "for good works" change your attitude toward the work that you do?

What if you embraced this as an adventure of discovering what it means to live out your faith in the context of your work?

Colossians 3:17: *Whatever you do, do everything in the name of Jesus Christ.*

What does this really look like in the place where you work?

What jobs in your life might you not consider as "official" as other jobs in your life (parent, student, volunteer, coach, etc)?

How can you apply this verse apply to these types of jobs, as well as to some of your routine, daily tasks?

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for your calling for each of our lives. Fill us with a joy and energy to embrace our callings in the places where you have already called us to be. Help us to encourage, love, and support one another as we learn more about how You want for us to be co-laborers with You. **Amen.**