

TAKING WORSHIP INTO YOUR WEEK



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed. . . sent you into the world, possessing truth which He gave you, with a holiness He earned for you on the cross, to be His presence when His time among us was over. Where, in the world, are you going; where is He sending you? What are you doing to prepare to be effective in the world to which he has called you? Jesus has great promises to keep through disciples like you, and in our series “Disciplethrive,” we’re being transformed by His power.

1. Read John 17:11b-19. Then, turn to chapter 13 of John and read until you realize where Jesus and His disciples are, and what they’re doing.
2. In 17:13, what did Jesus mean by “I am coming to you now?” To whom was He speaking, and of what was He referring? How do you think the disciples might have understood it?
3. What encouragement can you find in the realization that Jesus has ascended to His Father, but in Holy Communion, is present to give us the same blessings He gave the disciples around the table that night?
4. Look up, in your concordance, the word “sanctified” and write out at least three examples of passages that enable you to better understand its meaning.
5. In what ways will you admit to yourself that you are still “of the world,” and need God’s presence there with you to change that? About what are you being moved to repent, and amend your life in order to be the most “fully sent” disciple of Jesus?

Prayer: Lord God, as you have consecrated us, your disciples, to be in the world, but not of it, transform us by your Holy Spirit into disciples who are sent to speak with your voice, serve with your hands, and love with your heart; for you live and reign as One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; amen.