

“In, But Not Of”

¹³ “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by [\[d\]](#) the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. John 17:13-19

- Some background questions:
 - When did this prayer take place in the timeline of Jesus’ life?
 - Let’s define “world” in these passages.
 - Where are we from if we are “not of the world”?
 - Why does the world hate us? Do they?
- 1. Which side needs more of your attention: Are you too isolated from the world or are you too much like the world? What areas of worldliness do you struggle with the most?
- 2. When does the attempt to avoid worldliness become legalism or asceticism?
- 3. Verse 18 clearly states that Jesus has sent us INTO the world. Do you have a sense of mission in your contacts with the world? How can this sense of mission be developed?