
Sent: Living Out the Mission of God – Week Two

“LORD, SEND ANYONE. JUST DON’T SEND ME!”

Choosing to Accept Jesus’ Call to Missions – Selected Scriptures

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Introduction: Last week we argued that God formed Israel to be a missionary nation to reach the world (Gen. 12:1-3). Likewise, the church is formed to be a missionary people (1 Peter 2:9) to reach the world. But here’s the brutal truth: From the very beginning, God’s people have struggled to embrace their missionary call. Instead, they prefer to cocoon themselves in their own subculture and judge outsiders. Our challenge in 2023, as we seek to reach the world, is to buck this trend and engage culture with grace and truth.

1. The Problem with Israel

Gen. 12:1-3, 11-13; Exo. 19:5-6; 1 Kgs. 11:1; Jon. 1:1-3a; Acts 22:21-22

2. The Problem with the Disciples

Matt. 15:21-32

3. The Problem with the Early Church

Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8, 5:28, 6:7; 8:1, 9:15-16; 1 Cor. 9:22

4. Idea

5. Takeaways