

# Tabernacle, Temple, Synagogues & Churches—*Into the World*

World Outreach Church  
Sermon Discussion Guide  
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In this sermon, we're examining what it means to be the people of God. God has a purpose for His people, and we can clearly see this throughout Scripture. Within the first five books of Moses, we read about how God delivered His Hebrew people from hundreds of years of Egyptian slavery and began to teach them how to live in community with Him. He taught them about His character and how to worship and honor Him. God instructed Moses and the Hebrews to build a tabernacle—an elaborate tent that could be moved whenever God instructed His people to go. **His purpose was to build culture in the midst of His people**, a place where there was no separation between sacred and secular. This Tabernacle became the center of their lives and their worship to God. Later, when the Hebrews settled into the land God gave them, God permitted King Solomon to build a Temple in which He declared His presence would dwell amid His people. The Temple in Jerusalem occupied the hearts of the people for many centuries. At the same time, the "synagogue" became a more local place of gathering and worship, very similar to our churches of today. Throughout history, God has called His people to impact our culture with His truth, and the same is true in today's Church. If the Church does not engage our culture, we will lose our freedom. Today, we're at a cultural tipping point, and God's people must have a heart transformation so we can understand our assignment and be willing to engage our culture. God has sent us to this generation to be salt and light, and we need to be willing to fully identify with His purposes and align our lives with them.

## I. SENT ONES...INTO THE WORLD

Matthew 10:16 *I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.*

Exodus 3:10 *"So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."*

Jeremiah 1:7–8 <sup>7</sup> *But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.*

Ezekiel 2:4 *The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says.'*

**\*How do these passages challenge or encourage you to live out your faith in your daily life?**

## II. A PATTERN—PERSONAL

Exodus 3:4 *When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."*

Luke 1:26–27 <sup>26</sup> *In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*

### A. Jesus Developed People

#### 1. Definite Posture

Matthew 4:19 *"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."*

#### 2. Definite Possibility

John 1:50-51 (Nathanel) <sup>50</sup> *Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." <sup>51</sup> He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."*

**\*What does it mean to you that Jesus "developed people?" How have you experienced this in your own life?**

### B. God's Call on Your Life ...

Exodus 18:25 *He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.*

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

**\*How can you live out your calling in your daily life? What are some practical ways you can apply your calling to serve others?**

**C. The Essence of Leadership—Under Authority**

Matthew 8:5-10 <sup>5</sup> *When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. <sup>6</sup> "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." <sup>8</sup> The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."*

<sup>10</sup> *When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith."*

1. Influence
2. Intentional

John 18:37 *"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, **for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.**"*

3. Inadequate

1 Timothy 1:15 *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst.*

**\*How does recognizing God's authority impact your leadership and your understanding of leadership? What are some ways you can submit to God's authority in your leadership roles?**

**III. A PARADOX: IN THE LAST DAYS; AN OUT-POURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT & AN INCREASE IN WICKEDNESS**

Revelation 22:11–12 <sup>11</sup> *"Let him who does wrong continue to do wrong; let him who is vile continue to be vile; let him who does right continue to do right; and let him who is holy continue to be holy." <sup>12</sup> "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done."*

**A. Be Alert**

2 Peter 3:3-4, 10 <sup>3</sup> *First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. <sup>4</sup> They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation." ...<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.*

**B. Our Task—Be Ready and Help Others to Be Ready**

**\*Reflection: Are you willing to place yourself under the authority of God? In daily life, what does it look like to be alert and ready to help others "be ready"?**

**PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word—for its truth, authority, and power in our lives. We want to cooperate with You. Forgive us for being stubborn, reluctant, and wanting You to do our bidding far more than Yours. We humbly repent for being busy with our agendas and seeking minimal assignments from You. We want to change our response and accept Your assignment the way Saul of Tarsus, Gideon, and the shepherd boy David did—all unintimidated by the task's difficulty, the adversary's numbers, or the giant's challenge. We simply want to be faithful to You. Grant us courage, boldness, and a greater respect for You than for anything else, so we might honor and please You. May Your power be evident in our lives so Your will may be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. In Jesus' name, amen.