

SENT TO THE CITY

I. Meeting Jesus in the City

IN THE CITY WE ENCOUNTER GOD THE SON
(our true King who rules and reigns)
WHO SENDS US OUT WITH PURPOSE.

A. Jesus was Sent by the Father (Jn 3:16-17)

- SENT INTO the world rather than turned away from it
- SENT OUT OF great love for the world rather than disdain for it
- SENT FOR the purpose of saving the world, rather than condemning it

B. Jesus was Sent with Clarity of Mission (Lk 9:28-33)

30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, **31** who appeared in glory and spoke of his **departure**, which he was about to **accomplish** at Jerusalem.

-“and spoke of his departure”

-greek word used: *exodus*

-an exit, a going out, a death, a departure from a place

-“which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem”

-greek word used: *plerow*

-to fulfill, to make full, to complete

C. Jesus was Sent with a Call to Follow (Jn 17:18; Mt 28:16-20)

“As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.” (Jn 17-18)

-“all authority is given to Jesus”

-“therefore GO”

-and make disciples

-and I will go with you!

The MISSION of RbC extends directly from the COMMISSION given by Jesus:
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE, HEAR, AND RESPOND
TO THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

II. Thriving in the CITY

A. There's Value in Being There:

- the emphasis: what we love... purpose and mission
what we avoid... submission and sacrifice
- mission and submission go hand-in-hand

WITHOUT SUBMISSION OUR MISSION BECOMES MY MISSION... NOT JESUS'

B. There's Danger in Staying There:

- The *OVER*-emphasis of staying in the "City" and refusing to go out leads to...
a hero-mentality that leads to BURN-OUT
-*"what would you do without me!?"*

C. There's Catalysts for Going There:

- 1-Commit to Living the Word (Mt 7:24)
 - 2-Practice Intercessory Prayer (Col 1:9)
 - as we pursue the Lord on another's behalf, God shapes our hearts to match His.
 - 3-Invest in Missional Community
- these develop compassionate faith that *WORKS*

III. Following Jesus down from the Mountain (Lk 9:37-43)

IT'S THE CLIMB DOWN THE MOUNTAIN THAT IS OFTEN HARDER
THAN THE TREK UP THE MOUNTAIN

- A. Mission is Messy
- B. People are Worth It
- C. So Invest and Invite
- C. & Be Remarkable