

Real

Week 5

10/4/26

John 17:13-18

Real World: Not of It, But Sent Into It

I. "Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen." - Frederick Buechner

II. How can we follow Jesus in the real world?

III. John 17:13-18 - Jesus prayed for His disciples and their lives in the world.

IV. "...that they may have the full measure of my joy within them."

V. "...for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world."

A. Κόσμος - "the world"

1. Creation

- Romans 1:20

B. Humanity

1. John 3:16-27

C. The enemy of what is good.

VI. "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one."

A. Luke 8:14

1. Worries

2. Riches

3. Pleasures

VII. "They are not of the world, even as I am not of it."

VIII. "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

IX. "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."

A. Don't withdraw and don't indulge.

B. Be incarnational.

1. Mark 2:16-17

X. Where does that leave us?

A. In Tension.

XI. Reflection Questions

A. Where am I avoiding the real world?

B. How have I assimilated into the world?

LIFEGroup Questions

1. What is something beautiful that you have seen or experienced this week?
2. What has been difficult this week?
3. Where do you feel the tension of living in the world and not being of the world?
4. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches His disciples to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Pray together for God's will to be done in Rockbridge County as it is in heaven.