

Living a Sent Life

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3 Core Principles of a Sent Life

- **God is always at work to draw people to Himself.**

John 5:17

My Father is **always at his work** to this very day, and I too am working.

Eccles 3:1

[God] has also **set eternity** in the human heart.

Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man came to **seek and save the lost**.

- **God uses us to lead people to Jesus.**

Acts 1:8:

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and **you will be my witnesses**.

2 Cor 2:14

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and **uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him**.

2 Cor 5:18-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. **And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.**

- **God invites into the work of telling people about Jesus.**

Matt 28: 18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matt 4:19

Come follow me, and **I will make you fish for people**.

Notes:

Sent people have a rich theology of place.

Sent people become people of prayer.

- Ask for revelation (Ephesians 1:17-19).
- Ask that God turn their eyes from worthless things (Psalm 119:34-37).
- Ask that they come to their senses (2 Timothy 2:25-26).
- Ask God to send other to help (Matthew 9:38).
- Ask for an open door for the message of the gospel (Colossians 4:2-4).
- Ask for boldness (Ephesians 6:18-20).
- Ask that the gospel spreads quickly (2 Thessalonians 3:1).

Sent people understand their titles and job descriptions:

Fisherman (Matthew 4:19)

Farmer (Mark 4)

Royal Priest (1 Peter 2:9)

Ambassador (2 Corinthians 5)

Notes:

Sent people leverage their best skills: asking great questions and telling great stories

The 4 Best Questions:

- ▶ What does your tradition say about Jesus?
- ▶ Do you consider yourself on a spiritual journey?
- ▶ I just learned something in the Bible that's really helping me deal with this? May I share this with you?
- ▶ I'm in a fresh season of prayer. Do you have any prayer requests?

Transitioning to Spiritual Conversations

Question	Spiritual Connection
What's your biggest stressor lately?	I can pray for this. This also reminds me of how God brought me through something similar. . .
What are you celebrating--or what is going well for you?	I'm celebrating this answer to prayer or this way God was faithful. . .
What question do you currently like people to ask you?	I love to talk about what I'm learning in scripture. . .
What thought keeps going through your mind that you cannot get rid of?	I sometimes think of certain passages of scripture when I'm stuck. . .
How are you taking care of yourself?	I'm doing some cool morning rituals for well-being like my Bible reading and gratitude journal. . .
How are you staying motivated?	I'm thinking a lot about God giving me fresh power and ability to work. . .
What are you learning?	I'm learning this great thing in the Bible. . .

Consider Your Best Stories of Transformation to share with others as your best tool for living a sent life.

1. Write / tell the story of God rescuing you. (salvation)
2. Write / tell the story of maturing you. (maturity)
3. Story of God meeting you in a time of need. (provision)

Reflection Questions:

1. What thoughts or feelings do you experience when you think of yourself as "sent?"
2. What evidence do you already see that God chose you for your present location?
3. Who did God send to help you begin or continue your relationship with Jesus?
4. Pick a few questions you can try to ask people that might lead to a spiritual conversation.