



Winter 2020–2021 Theme:
The Call of God in the New Testament
Unit II: Jesus and Calls in His Ministry

Lesson Titles:

Standing in the Gap

(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)

Called as the Intercessor

(Townsend Press Sunday School Commentary)

LESSON 8— January 24, 2021

Devotional Reading:

1 Timothy 2:1-7a

Background Scriptures:

John 17:14-24

Print Passages:

John 17:14-24

Key Verse(s):

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word. (John 17:20, KJV)

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“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who believe in me through their message.” (John 17:20, NIV)

► Questions to Consider:

1. What does it mean to be **in** the world, but not **of** the world?
2. How does a follower of Christ become **sanctified**?
3. What is the believer's **purpose** in the world today

► Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, you should be able to do these things:

- Explore Jesus' intercessory prayer for His disciples.
- Long for Jesus' prayer to be answered more fully in your lives and in the church.
- Pray for others and work for unity in the body of Christ.

► Lesson Context:

This week's lesson takes place during what is referred to as “the upper room discourse.” Jesus knew His time was near to return to the father. His earthly ministry was coming to an end. These were the last days of His life among His disciples on earth

► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

- I. Set **Apart** to Intercede (John 17:14-16)

Key Point 1: Jesus knows that the world has rejected and hated Him and therefore the same attitude and hatred will be heralded at His disciples.

Key Point 2: Jesus prays for the protection of His disciples.

II. **Sanctified** to Intercede (John 17:17-21)

Key Point 1: Jesus didn't ask God to take believers out of the world but instead to use them in the world.

Key Point 2: Jesus then further extends the covering of His prayer to all of those who are to come that will believe in Jesus based on the message delivered by the disciples.

III. **Shining** to Intercede (John 17:22-24)

Key Point 1: Jesus' concern is that His followers live lives that glorify God - The glorious unity of being one.

Key Point 2: The essence of God's equipping us is not for us to shine amongst each other but to shine throughout the world.

► **Lesson Summary:**

- We are all called to share the Gospel, called to be His disciples, and called to intercede for one another.
- Let us strive to be workers together with God of one mind, one unity, and one purpose.

What Do You Think?

(These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)

1. How do we avoid slipping into our comfort zone and not engaging the world for Christ?

2. As we are sanctified and empowered with God for God, how can we engage other saints of other churches and denominations for the work of Christ Jesus?

3. The world is in need of light. What are we doing wrong in sharing the light, and what can we do to better shine and intercede for others in this world?

As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:
