

MESSAGE OUTLINE — I Am Sent

Series: Who Am I?
Week 5: I Am Sent

Big Idea:

“Jesus didn’t just rescue us; He calls us into His mission. Being a follower of Christ isn’t just about what He did for us — it’s about who He calls us to be and what He calls us to do.”

1. Sent With Authority — Our Identity in Christ Breeds Boldness

Matthew 28:16–20 (CSB)

“16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came near and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

Context & Meaning:

- Jesus spoke these words after the resurrection, standing in victory over sin, death, and hell.
- “All authority” = He has the right to command, send, empower, and rule.
- The disciples aren’t sent out alone — He promises His presence and power.
- This is not a suggestion; it is the heartbeat of Jesus for His people.

Why it matters:

- Your confidence doesn’t come from your personality, age, or knowledge level.
- It comes from the authority and presence of Jesus behind you.
- If He has all authority, you can have all boldness.

Timeless Truth (Main Point)

Our identity in Christ breeds boldness to carry the gospel forward.

Additional Scripture Example — Acts 4:13 (CSB)

“When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.”

Context & Meaning:

- Peter and John weren't impressive.
- They were ordinary.
- But ordinary people with Jesus become bold people on mission.

2. Sent With Purpose — Our Identity Fuels Our Mission

John 20:19–23 (CSB)

“19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you.’ 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”

Context & Meaning:

- This happens on resurrection day — Jesus appears to His disciples hiding in fear.
- Before He gives them a task, He gives them peace.
- The Father sent Jesus with love, truth, sacrifice, and purpose.
- Jesus now turns to His followers and says:
 “My mission becomes your mission.”
- Being sent isn't something Christians do — it's something Christians are.

Timeless Truth (Main Point)

Our identity fuels our mission — we are sent because we belong to Jesus.

Why it matters:

- Mission isn't pressure; it's partnership.
- **We're not just sent for Christ — we're sent with Christ, to be like Christ.**
- His heart shapes our heart; His mission shapes our mission.

3. Sent Into Action — Our Identity in Christ Propels Us Forward

Acts 8:1–4 (CSB)

“1 On that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 Devout men buried Stephen and mourned deeply for him. 3 But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off men and women and put them in prison. 4 Those who had been scattered went on their way preaching the word.”

Acts 13:1–4 (CSB)

“1 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon (called Niger), Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (a close friend of Herod the tetrarch), and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’ 3 Then after they had fasted and prayed, they laid hands on them and sent them off. 4 So being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.”

Context & Meaning:

- **The church started with worship, not strategy.**
- **Strategy came after the worship.**
- In the middle of worship, the Spirit calls and sends.
- Paul and Barnabas weren't sent by emotion — they were sent by the Holy Spirit.
- Being “sent” is always rooted in identity, calling, and obedience.

Timeless Truth (Main Point)

Our identity in Christ propels us into action — mission becomes movement.

Why it matters:

- God sends everyday believers into everyday places.
- You don't have to go far to be sent — you just have to go faithful.
- Identity → boldness → purpose → action.

Closing Reflection

- Jesus didn't just save you — He sends you.
- Your identity in Christ gives boldness, purpose, and movement.
- The mission isn't for the "elite."
- **The mission is for the sent — and if you are in Christ, you are chosen, forgiven, loved, free, and sent.**