



WEEK 2: SENDING

Establishing long-term relationships throughout the world in order to transform lives

SERMON REWIND

This week focuses on **Mission** through the value of **Sending**. From the beginning, Water of Life has been called to reach beyond the walls of our buildings and homes and into the world around us. Sending is not just a global outreach department, a short-term trip, or something only a few people do. Sending is the posture of every follower of Jesus. We are sent because Jesus sends us, the Spirit empowers us, and the world needs the hope of the Kingdom.

At WOL, sending includes the nations, but it also includes our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, campuses, families, and cities. We are not just joining a ministry; we are being sent to people. We are WOL when we live as sent people who carry the hope of Jesus wherever God places us.

KEY VERSES

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Look up these additional verses:

Acts 1:8 (NIV); Luke 4:18-19 (NIV); Isaiah 6:8 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 What Does It Mean to Be Sent?

Sending is not only about going somewhere far away. It is living with the awareness that God has placed us where we are for a reason and a purpose.

- a. When you hear the word "sent," what comes to mind?
- b. Why do you think it can be easy to think mission is only for missionaries, pastors, or people overseas?

2 Sent by Jesus

Jesus' final words to His disciples were not an invitation to stay comfortable, but a commission to go.

- a. How does the great commission change the way that we view our mission when we remember that Jesus is the One sending us?
- b. Where do you need confidence that Jesus is with you as you go?

3 Empowered by the Spirit

Jesus does not send us to go in our own strength but He gives us the Holy Spirit to lead us, strengthen us, and help us carry His hope.

- a. Why do you think that Jesus connects mission with the power of the Holy Spirit?
- b. Where do you feel the most aware that you need the Holy Spirit's help right now in your life?

4 Your Everyday Mission Field

Sending includes the nations, but it also includes our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools, campuses, families, and cities.

- a. Who are some people God has already placed around you in everyday life?
- b. What would it look like to carry the hope of Jesus to them in a natural, loving way?

As We Go, We Grow

Mission is not only about what God does through us but it is also about what God is doing in us as we continue to obey Him.

- a. How have you grown through stepping outside your comfort zone?
- b. What is one step of obedience Jesus may be inviting you to take this week?

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Reflection Questions: Being sent is not only about crossing oceans. It is about opening our eyes to where God has already placed us.

- Where have you treated mission like something far away instead of something right in front of you?
- Who might Jesus be sending you to love, serve, encourage, pray for, or even invite?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

This week, practice being in community by:

- Pray each morning: *"Holy Spirit, who are You sending me to today?"*
- Reach out to one person God has placed in your life and encourage them.
- Look for one simple way to serve, listen, pray, or invite someone this week.

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live as a sent person who carries the hope of Jesus wherever God places you.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:8 (NIV), *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Let the group rest in that promise as you close together in prayer.

WHERE DID GOD SHOW UP?

PRAYER:

NOTES:
