



### Living Faithfully as Christ's People Within a Fallen World



#### SESSION AIM

Help teachers and group leaders explain how the church relates to the world, how believers live faithfully under Christ, and how the church bears witness without losing covenant distinctiveness.



#### BIG IDEA

The church is sent into the world by Christ but does not belong to the world. Christians are called to faithful witness, holiness, love, truth, service, and Gospel proclamation while living as citizens of Christ's Kingdom within a fallen world.



#### WHAT THIS SESSION BUILDS UPON

##### From Leader Sheets 1–10:

- The church belongs to Christ.
- Believers live in covenant community.
- The church visibly represents Christ's Kingdom.
- Worship forms believers for witness.
- Holiness strengthens Gospel testimony.

##### This Session Expands:

- Faithful presence in the world.
- Distinctiveness without isolation.
- Engagement without compromise.
- Witness through truth and love.



#### FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES

- John 17:14–18
- Matthew 5:13–18
- Philippians 3:20
- 1 Peter 2: 9–12
- Romans 12:1–2



#### PRINCIPLE

The church belongs to Christ and is sent into the world to live faithfully, love others, and bear witness to His Kingdom through truth and transformed life.



#### RECOMMENDED VISUALS

- Embassy of the Kingdom
- Worship → Formation → Mission
- The Gathered Church
- Holiness, Discipline, and Restoration
- The Church and the World



#### NEXT STEPS

- Continue with RC2 Leader Sheet 12.
- Review today's key truths.
- Pray for faithful witness in your daily life.
- Encourage one another to live for Christ in the world.

#### TEACHING FLOW: HOW TO USE THIS SHEET

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#### BEGIN WITH CHRIST'S PRAYER FOR HIS PEOPLE

- Believers remain in the world.
- They belong to Christ.
- The church is sent as witness.

##### USE THIS:

John 17:14–18  
Articles  
Key Passages



**KEY EMPHASIS:** The church is sent into the world without belonging to it.

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#### TEACH THE CHURCH AS A DISTINCT PEOPLE

- Called to holiness and truth.
- Defined by worship and ethics.
- Our identity is in Christ, not culture.
- We are citizens of His Kingdom.

##### USE THIS:

Embassy of the Kingdom  
Visuals



**KEY EMPHASIS:** The church belongs to another Kingdom.

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#### EXPLAIN FAITHFUL ENGAGEMENT

- Love for neighbors and mercy.
- Serve, care for the vulnerable.
- Share the Gospel clearly and winsomely.
- Pursue justice and compassion.

##### USE THIS:

Articles  
Visuals  
Examples



**KEY EMPHASIS:** Faithful presence requires truth and love together.

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#### ADDRESS MODERN DISTORTIONS

- Political captivity and partisanship.
- Culture-war identity and hostility.
- Isolationism and fear of the world.
- Compromise and loss of holiness.
- Entertainment Christianity.
- Activism without Gospel centrality.

##### USE THIS:

Discussion Starters  
Examples



**KEY EMPHASIS:** The church must not lose its covenant distinctiveness.

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#### CONNECT HOLINESS TO WITNESS

- Visible holiness attracts and testifies.
- Integrity, love, and unity matter.
- Mercy and truth reflect Christ.
- Our lives proclaim the Gospel.

##### USE THIS:

Articles  
Visuals  
Key Passages



**KEY EMPHASIS:** The church bears witness through transformed life.

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#### APPLY PRACTICALLY

- Live faithfully under Christ's reign.
- Show humility, courage, and compassion.
- Serve your neighbors faithfully.
- Keep Christ's Kingdom central.

##### USE THIS:

Application Ideas  
Handouts



**KEY EMPHASIS:** Live faithfully in the world as Christ's people.



#### KEY EMPHASES



#### THE CHURCH BELONGS TO CHRIST

Our identity comes from Him, not from the world.



#### CHRISTIANS LIVE WITHIN THE WORLD

Believers remain present among their neighbors.



#### HOLINESS MATTERS

The church bears witness through distinctiveness and obedience.



#### LOVE AND TRUTH MUST REMAIN TOGETHER

Faithfulness requires both compassion and conviction.



#### THE CHURCH BEARS WITNESS TO ANOTHER KINGDOM

Christ's reign shapes our life, identity, and mission.



#### COMMON CONFUSIONS

- ✘ **"The church should withdraw from society."**  
Christ sends His people into the world as witnesses.
- ✘ **"The church should mirror the culture."**  
The church is called to holiness and distinctiveness.
- ✘ **"Christian witness is mainly political."**  
Our identity is rooted in Christ's Kingdom, not earthly parties.
- ✘ **"Love requires abandoning truth."**  
Biblical love and truth are never opposed.
- ✘ **"Holiness means isolation."**  
Biblical holiness produces faithful witness and service.



#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What does it mean to be "in the world but not of it"?
- 2 How can churches lose their distinctiveness?
- 3 What dangers arise when churches become politically captive?
- 4 How do holiness and witness relate together?
- 5 How can believers engage the world faithfully without compromise?
- 6 Why must truth and love remain connected?



#### APPLICATION FOCUS

- ✓ Live faithfully under Christ's reign.
- ✓ Practice holiness and compassion together.
- ✓ Bear witness through truth and love.
- ✓ Serve neighbors faithfully.
- ✓ Keep Christ's Kingdom central in all you do.



#### PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for courage and wisdom.
- Pray for holiness within the church.
- Pray for faithful Gospel witness.
- Pray for compassion and truth together.
- Pray for Christ's Kingdom to be displayed through His people.



**CHRIST SENDS HIS PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD TO LIVE FAITHFULLY, LOVE COURAGEOUSLY, AND BEAR WITNESS TO HIS KINGDOM TOGETHER. ONE LORD. ONE KINGDOM. ONE PEOPLE.**

