

1. What does it mean to be “of” the world? Can you be in a completely secular job and not be “of” the world? Explain briefly.

2. Read 17:6, What did Jesus mean by saying that the disciples were given to him “out of the world?” When the disciples were called by Jesus, did they leave their secular jobs, like fishing (compare Mt. 4:18-20 with Jn. 21:1-3) or tax collecting (compare Mk. 2:14 with Lk. 19:1-8)?

3. Jesus often went out alone to pray (see, e.g., Mk. 1:35, 6:46; Lk. 5:16, 6:12), but none of these prayers are recorded in Scripture. Why do you think this one in Jn. 17 is recorded and not the others? What did Jesus want future generations of Christians (like us) to learn from it?

4. Does being “in” the world or “of” the world have anything to do with how we spend our time? Does it have anything to do with how we spend our money? Explain briefly.

5. How does the Bible describe people who are “of” the world?
 - a. Mk. 10:35-45; Lk. 11:43

 - b. Lk. 8:14, 12:19

 - c. Amos 6:4; Lk. 16:19; Jas. 5:1-5

 - d. Phil. 3:18-19

 - e. Acts 17:21

 - f. Ps. 36:1-2; Mt. 7:3-5; Lk. 18:9-14