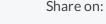
WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL -









"SENT PEOPLE"

By: Daniel Wiss

"As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." John 17:18(CSB)

Scripture reading: John 17:6-19

As followers of Jesus, we are often referred to in several ways – forgiven, adopted into God's kingdom, sons and daughters of the Lord, the components of the body of Christ. All these descriptions are who we are in Christ.

Those are some of the more well-known descriptions, but one that tends to be left out or pushed aside is that we are <u>sent people</u>. For all the millennials and Gen Z's reading, that is the hashtag of Shades Mountain, more properly known as our purpose individually and collectively as the body of Christ. Jesus was sent into the world to meet people where they are (not where we think they should be) and to live out the Father's mercy and love.

As you walk through this week, I pray that you will be a willing requestor and recipient of what the Lord must show you about those around you through His eyes, unfiltered and unbiased. We wake up every day with a purpose far greater than our jobs or hobbies. As we continue to take tangible steps towards growth in our knowledge and love for our Savior, the overflow of that is a stronger connection to our calling. The calling of sharing in our Lord's work, to live in a way that shows God's redemptive love. To #livesent

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Men of Shades Devotional

How about writing one devotion to share with the Men of Shades. Share your thoughts on a favorite Bible verse, a story from your life with an application from Scripture, or share a devotion written by a favorite writer that was particularly meaningful to you. Follow the parameters below and then send it to Steve Grissett at s_grissett@yahoo.com.

- Choose a favorite verse or verses (2 or 3).
- Write a short devotion of 200 to 300 words max.
- Add a title.
- Add one thought-provoking or reflective question at the end.
- Include a one or two sentence introduction of yourself.

All Upcoming Events

Watch Sermons

Explore Men's Ministry

I Love America Night

Come out to the "new" Wald Park and celebrate with us! We'll have a Shades display booth, our orchestra will present a patriotic music concert, and the night will conclude with a spectacular firework show! Shades is a Presenting Sponsor for this great night of fun for our community. Click on the link for parking details and more information.

<u>Learn More</u>

Man Church

Our next Man Church is Sunday, August 29, and our guest speaker will be Dr. Robert, Smith, Jr. Dr. Smith is the Charles T. Carter Chair of Divinity at Samford's Beeson Divinity School. Dr. Smith pastored in Cincinnati for 20 years, and currently teaches preaching at Beeson. He has spoken at over 135 universities, colleges, and seminaries across the globe. Mark your calendar and come hear a message of challenge and inspiration from Dr. Robert Smith, Jr. at Man Church on August 29 at 6:00pm.

Learn More

For more info on how to get involved with Men of Shades, visit $\underline{\text{www.shades.org/men}}$

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