

John 17:6-19

”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Juan 17:6-19

»A los que escogiste del mundo para dármeles, les he hecho saber quién eres. Eran tuyos, y tú me los diste, y han hecho caso de tu palabra. Ahora saben que todo lo que me diste viene de ti; pues les he dado el mensaje que me diste, y ellos lo han aceptado. Se han dado cuenta de que en verdad he venido de ti, y han creído que tú me enviaste. »Yo te ruego por ellos; no ruego por los que son del mundo, sino por los que me diste, porque son tuyos. Todo lo que es mío es tuyo, y lo que es tuyo es mío; y mi gloria se hace visible en ellos. »Yo no voy a seguir en el mundo, pero ellos sí van a seguir en el mundo, mientras que yo me voy para estar contigo. Padre santo, cuidalos con el poder de tu nombre, el nombre que me has dado, para que estén completamente unidos, como tú y yo. Cuando yo estaba con ellos en este mundo, los cuidaba y los protegía con el poder de tu nombre, el nombre que me has dado. Y ninguno de ellos se perdió, sino aquel que ya estaba perdido, para que se cumpliera lo que dice la Escritura. »Ahora voy a donde tú estás; pero digo estas cosas mientras estoy en el mundo, para que ellos se llenen de la misma perfecta alegría que yo tengo. Yo les he comunicado tu palabra, pero el mundo los

odia porque ellos no son del mundo, como tampoco yo soy del mundo. No te pido que los saques del mundo, sino que los protejas del mal. Así como yo no soy del mundo, ellos tampoco son del mundo. Conságralos a ti mismo por medio de la verdad; tu palabra es la verdad. Como me enviaste a mí entre los que son del mundo, también yo los envío a ellos entre los que son del mundo. Y por causa de ellos me consagro a mí mismo, para que también ellos sean consagrados por medio de la verdad.

Commissioning

Rob: As Jesus withdrew from the crowds to be renewed before God for ministry, so you too enter a time of reflection, study, prayer, and renewal. As a congregation we recognize this time apart as an expression of your call to serve the people of God.

Church board: We affirm your preparation for this sabbatical, and we share your vision for personal and congregational renewal. We will walk with you in your leaving, in your time away, and in your returning.

Sara: I am thankful to God and the congregation for the gift of this sabbatical. I will use the time wisely, in order to fulfill the goals I have set for myself. I will miss you while I am away, and I look forward to returning for further ministry among you. May God watch over us while we are absent from each other.

Congregation: We commission you to accept this time as a gift of God for the renewal of your calling. We commit you and your family to God's loving care while you are away. We commit ourselves to respect your separation from us. We commit ourselves to activate the spiritual gifts among us, thus making this a time of self-discovery and growth for us as well as for you. We look forward to your renewed ministry among us, and to the continued growth of this congregation's ministry to each other and to the world. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Church board: We present to you Melanie Krehbiel as our summer youth worker. Melanie, we give thanks for your willingness to give leadership to some of Shalom's youth ministries this summer. We will walk with you in your special ministry with us this summer, and commit to supporting you with our prayers and our participation.

Melanie: I accept this role and its responsibilities for these months of Sara's sabbatical. I will do my best to support our youth with mercy and love, and also to support those in our church who are ministering with them.

Congregation: We commission you for youth ministry while Sara is away, and affirm your gifts for leadership and connection with our youth.