

**The Proclaiming People**  
**John 17.18; 20.21, 22**

**Introduction:**

**I. The Witness of Christ**

A. The Mandate

B. The Manner:

1. S\_\_\_\_\_

2. S\_\_\_\_\_

3. S\_\_\_\_\_

**II. The Witness of the Church**

A. R\_\_\_\_\_

B. D\_\_\_\_\_

C. C\_\_\_\_\_

D. I\_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:**

**Questions for reflection or small group discussion**

- What do you think of when someone uses the word "missions" or "evangelism"? Are they the same or different? How so?
- List some positive and negative responses to these words.
- Make a list of some of the people Jesus approached with the Good News. If you need some help turn through the pages of the Gospel of John for starters.
- Now add to your list the images for the Good News that Jesus uses with each one.
- List any deeds that go along with his words?
- What do the people in the stories have in common?
- With whom was Jesus more or less direct confrontational?
- Now think of yourself. With whom are you intentionally approaching as Jesus approached these on your list?
- What deeds would fit best with your words?
- What images would strengthen your words regarding the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- Is our culture more or less resistant to the Good News?
- How might we adapt present ministries of our congregation to be more adept at proclaiming the Good News to others?
- How can you participate in and be informed about proclaiming the Good News in distant places?
- How does prayer fit into our reaching a lost and hurting world?
- What next steps will you take to participate in the proclamation of the Good News in word and deed?