

John 17:6-19

In the tech industry, when you commission something it means you start it for the first time. Or in legal terms you are giving someone the right to officially do the job they were trained to do. Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, he gave the Disciples his great commission, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." But John 17 contains the details of that commission. "For the words you have given me I gave to them, your word is the truth, I send them into the world, I have been glorified in them."

Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in season.

Jesus said the Disciples are not of this world but in this world, in a world that may be hostile to God but a world that needs the hope in him if any wounds are ever going to be healed. No, a lot of us can preach, so this word "preach" must mean so much more. Have you heard the saying, "He said it all without uttering a word"? In John 17, we are called to be the glorification of Christ. To be as Christ. Some may say, "But this reading refers to the Disciples". In v20, Jesus includes all those who believe through their message. We, too, are included in God's mission of His grace to the world. Being this takes us from simply being Christians by name and makes us Christian's by nature, Christ's nature.