



## Discussion Guide for “Saved for the World”

### *Reconnected Week 3*

Far too often, we view faith as something that separates us from the world. We become judgmental, condescending, celebrating when we prosper and they don't. But as the book of Acts shows us, God saves us for the sake of the world. What does a faith look like that turns to the world to embrace, rather than condemn?

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

Acts 1:6-8; Psalm 34:1-14; John 5:25-29; Hebrews 5:7-14

[Click here](#) to read all scriptures

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Psalm 34:1-14](#). (What would it look like to read this psalm while recentering Bathsheba, David's victim?)

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. What is your view, generally speaking, of those who are not Christians? Do you know Christians who look at those outside the faith with judgment or condescension?
2. Revisit Acts 1:6. What were the disciples really asking? How does this reveal that they still don't understand the impact of Jesus' resurrection?
3. How are the disciples like the older brother in the story of the prodigal son? Why do you think they're faith has formed them like that?
4. What does it mean to say that Jesus forms us for the sake of the world?
5. How is God inviting you to engage with the world around you this week?