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Scripture Reading: John 17: 20-23

Sermon Title: Mission to Newberg and Throughout the World

Introduction:

Urban Ministry Background and Heart

My experience in Seattle grew my heart for urban ministry. Desire to serve in local context. The goal is to live where you serve and to share the same community with most of the people.

I love that Newberg is also a college town.

I love being a local pastor, Kiwanis member, going to City Club, taking my daughter Chiara to Chehalem Dance Academy in town, participation in Parks and Rec events, having breakfast and attending church with the former mayor is cool.

Our mission statement includes Newberg because we feel responsible to focus our mission on the Newberg community. Our priority is here.

Deacons Ministry is one primary way we live that out. Bike ministry, Neighborhood Night Out, First Responders Pie Social. Love Inc dinner reminded me of our commitment to the community as well as the Providence Hospital fundraiser.

We love Newberg and our partnership with groups in Newberg.

Reflections on John 17- We are one.

Prayer that we may be one. The world will know love by being one.

Special heart for the churches in Newberg- ministerial association, but also being united with George Fox, Providence, Friendsview, Parks and Rec, Schools in town, businesses, local government. We all can be one so that we can demonstrate love together as a city and can make sure that the most vulnerable in our town are supported.

Extends also to the world.

Think of Global mission partners. Presbyterian Offerings. This church has supported ministries that help people from all over the world, places like...

We are to be glocal, think globally, act locally.

Recognize that we are global citizens as followers of Jesus.

Reminder this week about the importance of Climate Change.

Global Climate Strike in countries like the Philippines, Australia, Indonesia, India, Poland, Sweden. And South Africa. Millions of Young people around the world- Friday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

United Nations Climate Summit. Protests for Climate Change all over the world. Largely led by young people.

Greta Thunberg is a 16 year old activist who spoke out on behalf of the earth. She did the right thing, but some people criticized her.

How might God continue to direct each one of us to be glocal?

Reminded this week of Climate Change, Concern for asylum seekers and refugees, Puerto Rico, Bahamas.

How might our church continue to focus on Newberg and ministries that expand beyond Newberg to other parts of the world.

Mission Partners: Bob and Gracie Ekblad- Tierra Nueva, Brian and Julie O'Herin- Bible Translation, Erik and Maureen York- Cru, Taliilee Fuqruu- Frontier Fellowship, and Dennis and Maribel Smith- Presbyterian Co-Worker in Argentina

We exist to care for one another, but also as a church that blesses our city and the nations of the world. This is who we are. This is the culmination of our mission together.

Let us pray...