



DIGGING DEEPER

John 17: Life Unifier

This past weekend Pastor Tim took a close look at Jesus' prayer in John 17 and broke it down for us. He explained that Jesus is praying for us to become more set apart - more characterized by the radical love of God SO THAT we'll be extraordinary. This will cause us to see the people around us the way Jesus sees them.

» **LEADER NOTE:** One of the main takeaways from this season of small groups should be encouraging your group members to take what they read and respond through the way they live. Make sure to encourage application and response in your reading, discussion, and prayer.

DISCUSS

Scripture powerfully changes us from the inside out. Do not shortchange your group by glossing over the scripture portion of the study. Go through it slowly a few verses at a time and ask for observations and applications.

Using the SOAP method, read through our text. Share your observations with your group. Make sure to spend time asking your group about their observations.

Opening Question: Have you ever had someone who made an impact on you through prayer?

1. There are truths central to the Christian faith outlined in Jesus' prayer found in verses 1-5. What stands out to you and what can you determine about Jesus from this prayer?
2. In his final moments before the cross, Jesus was mindful of all of his disciples and followers then and every follower-to-be in his prayers before going to the cross. This means you. How does this make you feel?
3. What is the heart of Jesus' prayer in verses 21-23? What is keeping you from living out this prayer?

PRAY

Unity is one of our highest calls as believers and as a church. Read the following verses out loud and then have a few people pray for the unity of our church, area, and for the unity of all believers. 1 Corinthians 1:10, Ephesians 4:11-13, Colossians 3:13-14, John 17:23, Psalm 133:1, 1 Peter 3:8, Ephesians 4:3, and Romans 12:6.

THE SOAP BIBLE STUDY METHOD



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SCRIPTURE

Work through the text slowly getting a picture of the entire context

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OBSERVATION

What observations do you see in the narrative or events?

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APPLICATION

How do you think this applied to people contextually and today?

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PRAYER

Ask God to use what you've read to deepen your relationship with him.

