## John: Jesus prayer for His people 8/24/25 – Pastor Zach John,17:20- 26, Eph. 4:1-7 John13,35, John 14-17,20

**Connect:** What faith tradition did you grow up in? When did you have an encounter with Jesus and share that with your group. What was that like for you?

**Engage:** Reread this passage of John.

What stands out to you in this after the sermon?

Zach engaged us with many questions today with thoughts on Unity.

Do you have a hard time aligning yourself with Jesus's desire? Do you ask Jesus what His desire is for you?

- 1. What is Unity to you? What does it look like in your mind?
  - a. Unity is not uniformity. What do you think of that statement.
  - b. Have you ever thought about the Trinity and how they relate?
  - c. The trinity has 3 distinct persons, very different roles and how they relate to each other. Have you ever pondered that?
  - d. If you know you are the beloved of Christ, you can enter in with others without an agenda to convince others to come to your side. What do you think of that statement?
  - e. Reread Eph 4:1-7 is there anything that strikes you that you have not seen before?
- 2. Why is Unity so important?
  - a. It is important to Jesus How do you see this in Scripture and where do you see it now –

Zach talked about 2/3 of Christians don't see a need for Church.

What is hard for you with the church?

Where do you need to have a conversation with the Lord about your doing your own thing?

- b. Where do you find yourself with the statement "Talk about Jesus, or do I love like Jesus, or talk loving and forgiving or love and forgive like Jesus?
- c. Where do you share with others the things you have in Christ?
- 3. How do we maintain this Unity?
  - a. What do you think of the statement You are God's gift to His son Jesus? What does that stir in you?

**Apply:** What is the invitation for you this week? Are you sharing your life with someone who may think differently than you? Pray for the Lord to seek your heart on the gift of unity.