

The Gospel of John
The Lord's Prayer – Part Two, John 17:9-26

Intro: How does it make you feel when someone says, "I am praying for you?" Comforted? Reassured? Thankful? Hopeful?

Here is the Lord's prayer for us. He is praying for:

I. Our _____ – John 17:11-15

_____ = A shepherd's term – "Guard, Protect."

The Father keeps us secure by His power so that we know:

- A. _____ versus Division – 17:11
- B. _____ versus Discouragement – 17:13
- C. _____ versus Defeat – 17:14-15

II. Our _____ – John 17:16-19

- A. _____ Apart
- B. _____

The Bible is _____ to teach us what we need to believe about God, what God requires of man, and to help us actively guard our hearts.

III. Our _____ – John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for " _____ " to drill down on the importance of being focused on what matters most.

- A. In _____ – 17:20-21
- B. In _____ – 17:22-24
- C. In _____ – 17:25-26

Jesus prayed for single-minded unity in which are powerful results.

Conclusion: It is true that prayer changes things. May the prayer of Jesus before the Father on our behalf change us and continue to do so as we depend on the power of the Holy Spirit to help us.

Small Group Study Questions

Develop

1. When is a time that you were greatly encourage because you knew you were being prayed for?

Dig

1. Read John 17:11-15. Why does Jesus pray for God to keep His disciples?
2. How can the disciples experience joy as the result of God's work?
3. Read John 17:16-19. How can you be in the world but not of the world?
4. Why did Jesus pray for the Father to sanctify the disciples? What did Jesus say was key for sanctification?
5. How do the Scriptures help us grow in the Christian life? Why are the Scriptures sufficient to help us to grow and to guard our hearts?
6. Read John 17:20-26. What is unity? What is not unity?
7. What does it mean to be single minded in faith? In hope? In love?
8. Why is unity in the church a powerful testimony to the world?

Do

1. Personal Reflection – What steps can you take to live in unity with other believers?
2. For Sharing – What is an important lesson that you learned from this message, and how can you apply it to your life?