



COMMUNITY Groups

March 26th, 2017: BISHOP MCBATH

OPENING

What did you think of Sunday's sermon by Bishop McBath? What stuck out to you from his message? In what ways did it challenge you? Encourage you?

DISCUSS & APPLY

Read John 17:13-21

- What are some things that Jesus prays for in this passage? How would you summarize what Jesus cares about?
- What has Jesus said in his Word that fills you with joy?
- Why do you think God would rather send you into the world, even though it might hate you, than take you from it? What does it mean for you to be sent as Jesus was sent?
- What do you think it means to be in the world but not of the world? What does that look like in your life?
- Why do you think people sometimes respond to love with hate? How have you experienced this in your own life?
- How does the evil one destroy unity among believers? How have you experienced that? What can we do about it?
- Reread verse 17. What does sanctify mean? In what ways has believing God's Word changed your life? How is it currently changing your life?
- What are some issues that divide Christians today? How should we respond?
- Why does Jesus say unity among believers is so important? What are some ways that we can pursue unity in the church?
- Read John 13:35. What makes us different from the world? What are some practical examples of how believers can love each other that would actually get the attention of the world around us?

FINAL APPLICATION

What's one thing that your Community Group can do in the next month that would build up the love and unity in your group? What's one act of love that your Community Group can do in the next month that would get the attention from the world around you?

PRAY

Pray for unity among believers, among different denominations, in the midst of church splits, and where there is racism. If you have extra time, break up into groups of three and share ways that maybe you've been hurt by other Christians. Then pray for healing, forgiveness, and love.