

TALK IT OVER

Pray Like Jesus

Week 2: *The Farewell Prayer*

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Icebreaker: If you knew your life was coming to an end in the next 24 hours, what would you want to communicate to those closest to you?

Jesus' Farewell (High Priestly) Prayer:

John 17:20-26 (NLT) "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. "I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began! "O righteous Father, the world doesn't know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them."

Jesus Prays for...

1. Our Unity with God

Vs. 21b. And may they be in us...

Vs. 23 I am in them and you are in me.

Vs. 26 I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.

2. Our Unity with Each Other

Vs 21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one

Vs 22 So they may be one as we are one...

Vs 23 May they experience such perfect unity

Revelation 7:9-10 (NLT) I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and

crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Hallowed – Greek *hagiozo*: to treat something as holy

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

3. Our Influence in the World

Vs 21b: so that the world will believe you sent me.

Vs 23 that you love them as much as you love me

world = Greek *kosmos*

"God so loved the kosmos that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but may have eternal life. For God didn't send his Son into the kosmos to judge the kosmos, but that the kosmos should be saved through him" (John 3:16-17).

Discussion Questions

1. What is significant about Jesus praying for us over 2,000 years ago?
2. What are some things you're doing to increase your unity with God?
3. How does the desire to "be one with God" affect your prayer life?
4. What are some things that divide believers?
5. Why do you think it's so hard for believers to be united?
6. What ways can we be an answer to Jesus' prayer for unity?
7. In what ways does our unity with God and other believers affect non-believers?
8. What is one action step I can take to unite better with God and others?
9. How should this prayer affect my prayer life?