

Connect Group Guide: "Oneness | John 17"

**Passage: John 17:1-26**Sermon Link: [▶ Jesus' Prayer For Us | John 17](#)**Welcome:***(Choose a question for your group to discuss)*

- How would you define redemption?
- What do you think Jesus would pray for the Christians of today?

Worship:*(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)*

- [The Church \(Live\) - Bethel Music, Jenn Johnson](#)

Word:*(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)***Before reading the scripture:**

- Why would Jesus pray a prayer of unity as His final act before the crucifixion?

- What role do other Christians play in deepening your relationship with Jesus?

Read: John 17:1-26

- Jesus prays for:
 - Himself (verse 1-5)
 - Those God gave Him (verse 6-9)
 - The Church (verse 20-26)

Why do you think Jesus chose these specific topics?

- How did Jesus glorify God by praying this prayer?
- What do you think Jesus meant when he said “Father, glorify me so I can glorify you”?
- Knowing Christ means
 - Knowing something about Christ
 - Intimacy with Christ
 - Growing in knowledge of Christ

What role does a community play in each of these aspects of knowing Christ?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- How can you practically do the following this week:
 - Be a person of the Word
 - Meditate on the cross
 - Spend time with those who know God so we can know him

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Pray that we may gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be united with other Christians through our unity in Christ.

