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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

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Series Title: All for One and One for All

Message Title: Rally Around the Word

Scripture: John 17:1-26 [ESV]

17 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

6 “I have revealed you[a] to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of[b] your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by[c] that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

13 “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by[d] the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

24 “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

25 “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you[e] known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

Points of Consideration:

We can only rally around the Word of God if we **know** God! (vs. 25)

We can know God because He **has communicated** to a dark and ignorant world (vs. 8, 14)

When we rally around the Word, we **will be hated** by the world (vs. 14)

We **can endure** the world's hatred because his Word promises salvation (vs. 3)

God's Word not only **promises** salvation, but also sanctification (vs. 17)

God's Word and His people have **persevered** through time, and we are evidence of this (vs.11-12, 15)

Discussion Questions:

John 17 is commonly known as the High Priestly Prayer. This passage is unique in that it expressly includes believers throughout time as the audience of the passage (cf. vs. 20). What does Jesus ask of the father for his people? How can we apply this request to our own lives?

As Jesus approaches his own crucifixion, how might His words have encouraged his disciples who will soon endure persecution for His name's sake? How do Christ's words encourage you? How might we encourage others from the Word of God in the face of persecution?

Jesus' final request was, "...that the love you (Father) have for me (the Son) may be in them (the world) and that I myself may be in them (the world)." (vs. 26). If Jesus' request is that the love of the Father be in the world, how might He (the Father) intend to use His people to demonstrate that love? Consider 1 Corinthians 13:6 as you discuss this question.

Prayer Guide for Tribes

1. Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- a. OFFICIAL LAUNCH!- The Weymouth Parish of Life Community Church is officially launching Easter Sunday! Pray for God to be with this church from day one, His presence sought and felt in everything they do as they reach the greater Boston area.
- b. A building- currently, LCC Weymouth is meeting in a local elementary school as a mobile church. While they have a great relationship with the school, having to borrow a space presents many inconveniences for all that the church would like to do and be. They are already praying that God would provide for them a permanent place to do ministry.
- c. Recovering community- God is at work in Weymouth! LCC is experiencing radical life change in its members. They are surrounded by a massive community of addicts undergoing rehabilitation and recovery, and many of these individuals are finding healing at the foot of the cross! Pray specifically for Jake, Eric, Lucas, and Derek. These men found Christ in recovery and are leaders in this parish, passionately pursuing intimacy in their walk. Also pray for Kevin, a man who was saved just two weeks ago! He is still in recovery and is surrounded by men battling addiction, and he needs your prayer for strength and resilience.
- d. Mobilize 2022- Fusion is planning a mission trip to Weymouth the week of July 18th-24th. Please push this trip in your Tribes! Signup deadline is May 1st. We will have an info meeting April 10th regarding cost, details, and fundraising ideas. In the meantime encourage prayer for them to consider attending as well as prayer over the trip, be it safety, gospel conversations, and opportunities to further the work of LCC.

2. Source of Light Ministries

- a. Ukraine- SOL is running a relief initiative for Ukrainian refugees. Many of these refugees are fleeing into Romania, where SOL is funding a local church that has a summer camp facility. The church is providing housing, food, diapers, beds, clothing and transportation, and information. Pray for these fundraising efforts!
- b. SOL also just held trainings for directors for three new branches starting in Spain, Mexico, and Peru. Pray for these branches as they distribute discipleship courses and bring the Gospel to lost people.

- c. New courses- SOL is currently writing new discipleship courses for children! All of their coursework is used worldwide, so praise God for the opportunity for these new materials to open doors for children all over the world to be raised in the knowledge of God!

3. Easter at Fusion!

- a. April 3rd/10th- Fusion will be taking part in Saturate USA, an initiative which seeks to reach every home in our community leading up to Easter Sunday. On these days, our church members will be meeting at Fusion at 4:45 and going door to door, leaving gift bags containing Gospel tracts and information about our church and our Easter services. Pray for God to bring fruit from these efforts!
- b. April 9th- Fusion will join Redeemer and the MCRD in hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt! This will be an incredible opportunity to engage our community, and we will be presenting the Gospel to the children in attendance. Pray for good weather, a great crowd, and for lost people to feel the love of Christ and hear the good news.
- c. April 17th- Easter Sunday! Fusion is dreaming big. We've got three services planned, and we're praying expectantly that God would fill them up and that lives would be saved!