

the gospel of

# JOHN

all intents and purposes

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### WEEK 6: HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER PART 3

#### Read the Text

#### John 17:20-26

20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

#### Main Point

In this third and final section of Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer, we see Jesus pray for us: his modern-day disciples. Of all the things He could pray for, Jesus prays for our unity. Does that surprise you at all? When we look at both Church history and the modern-day Church, we do see that a significant barrier to the Church’s

expansion is, in fact, disunity. ***Knowing that the future Church would experience struggle and disunity, we see Jesus pray that we as Christians would be united to each other.*** How can we pursue this desire for unity though? It's not easy, but we are called to fight for unity, celebrate unity, and guard unity. As we experience more unity, we will see more and more people turn to Jesus and experience His love. Jesus also prays for us to be united to Him. ***He wants us to walk in lockstep with Him as He does His work through us and brings Kingdom renewal to the world.*** Finally, in this prayer, Jesus prays that we would be united in His love. ***Jesus wants us to have a zeal for our neighbors, our church family, and our coworkers to a point that drives us to share the good news of Jesus with them.***

### **Reflect Together**

1. ***Who is God?*** This part of the High Priestly Prayer is Jesus praying for *us*. How does that sit with you, that Jesus prays for you? What do you think He may be praying about for you?
2. ***What has He done?*** How have you seen Jesus' prayer for unity answered in your life? How has He provided unity for you with other Christians, with Jesus, and with His love? Where could you use more prayer in these areas?
3. ***Who are you?*** Throughout the High Priestly Prayer, we see Jesus' confidence in His connection and relationship to the Father. How are you experiencing connection with the Father? What does your confidence in His love and care for you look like? What does that say about your belief in how He sees and values you?
4. ***What are you to do?*** Reflecting back on the whole High Priestly Prayer, how would you like to grow in your prayer life? Consider how Jesus prays for Himself, His disciples, and for you. What would a next step look like in deepening your current prayer life?

**Abide Together**

Consider planning a prayer night as an MC where you set the evening aside to pray together. If you'd like a structured way of doing this, consider the ACTS model where you spend time in adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.