

the gospel of

# JOHN

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### WEEK 5: JESUS' DISRUPTIVE PRAYER

#### Read the Text

#### John 17:6-19

...9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

## Main Point

In this second part of Jesus' High Priestly Prayer, we see how Jesus prays for His disciples. As modern day Christians, we can learn from and follow Jesus' example and step into a vibrant and powerful prayer life. So what do we see in this prayer? Jesus doesn't hold back. ***He prays a disruptive prayer that produces disruptive disciples. They are going to attack the evil one's hold on the world, disrupt the religious status quo, and turn the world upside down. Jesus' prayer brings glory to Himself, joy to them, healing, and hope to the world.*** This is an opportunity for us to consider our own prayer lives. Are we praying for comfort and ease, or for God to use us and sanctify us regardless of what that path holds? Looking at this prayer, we see Jesus pray for position, protection, and progress. ***He prays proactively for His disciples' position in Christ, protection from the evil one, and progress in the faith on mission. He prayed this for their unity, safety, and sending.*** When we follow Jesus' example of prayer, we get to experience true joy despite our circumstances. ***We can follow His example for how He cared for His own by praying for those God has put in our lives; for their position in Christ, protection from the evil one, and progress in their faith.***

## Reflect Together

1. ***Who is God?*** How can praying disruptive prayers that embrace God's sanctification and glory over comfort and ease bring us closer to and more in line with Him?
2. ***What has He done?*** During difficult times, how has God worked in specific ways through your prayers? Was there a time when instead of taking the hardship away, He actually used it to draw you closer to Him?
3. ***Who are you?*** What does your prayer life indicate about your current relationship with Jesus? Does it bring joy? Does it feel like a burden? Is it just a bit flat and lukewarm right now? Non-

existent? Why do you think that is, and what do you think is going on to contribute to that?

4. ***What are you to do?***: Are there specific areas of your prayer life where you'd like to see change and growth? What does that look like, and what step would you like to take?

### **Abide Together**

Similarly to what we did on Sunday, spend some time living out this passage together as an MC or DNA. Identify real people in your life, ideally someone you are discipling (a younger brother/sister in the faith, a child, or someone you want to pursue) and pray for them. Pray that the Lord would guide you in how He wants you to reach them.

### **Mission Together**

Are there opportunities for your MC to band together to reach the people you prayed about? If it's the kids in your group, how can you incorporate them more often in your MC gathering time? If it's a co-worker, friend, and/or neighbor, is there a way you can invite them into your time together? Maybe a game night or social time? Or even a Sunday gathering?