



Behold The Lamb | Week 28 Study Guide

Prayers Point To Priorities

Bible Text: John 17

Open Up

If someone listened to all your prayers from the past month, what would they conclude are the biggest priorities in your life?

Dig In

Read John 17:1-5

What does Jesus ask the Father to do in verses 1 and 5? Why does Jesus want to be glorified?

According to vs. 3-4, how does Jesus describe both eternal life and the work the Father gave Him to accomplish? What does this tell us about Jesus' mission?

Read John 17:6-19

Jesus knows He is leaving, but His disciples are staying. What specific things does Jesus pray for His disciples in vs. 11-19?

Look closely at vs. 14-18. Jesus specifically says He is *not* asking the Father to take His followers out of the world. Why is that significant?

Jesus says in v. 18, “*As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.*” In what ways should Jesus' mission shape the way we think about our own lives?

Read John 17:20-26

According to v. 20, who does Jesus begin praying for? How does that include us?

What request does Jesus repeat in vs. 21-23? Why do you think unity among His followers mattered so much to Him?

Notice the connection Jesus makes in vs. 21 and 23: “*that they may all be one... so that the world may believe...*” How can the way Christians treat one another either help or hurt our witness to people who don't know Jesus?

Think about the two extremes: a church that is so focused on the mission that relationships become secondary, and a church that is so focused on relationships that it rarely reaches outside itself. What problems would you expect to see in each church?

As you look at the entire prayer, where do you see the mission? Where do you see the relationships? Where do you see the two working together?

Close Out

Which side are you personally more likely to neglect: the mission or the relationships? Why?

What is one practical step you can take this week to live out both—investing in another believer while also intentionally reaching toward someone who needs Jesus?