



Life Group Discussion Guide
“What Did Jesus Pray For?” – John 17:1-26
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Main thought:

Jesus’ prayer reveals His heart and His plan for us.

Notes:

1. Jesus’ prayer for Himself. (vv. 1-5)
2. Jesus’ prayer for His disciples. (vv.6-19)
3. Jesus’ prayer for the whole church. (vv. 20-26)

Ice-Breaker

- What is your favorite road trip snack?

Digging In

Read John 17:1-5 and discuss the following questions.

- In verse 1, Jesus talks about how the hour has come for Him to be glorified. What do you think Jesus means by "glorified" in this context? How does this relate to His impending crucifixion?
- How does the concept of glory in these verses contrast with worldly notions of power and success? How can we align our understanding of glory with Jesus' example?

Read John 17:6-19 and discuss the following questions.

- In verses 14-15, Jesus acknowledges that His disciples are not of the world, yet He prays that they not be taken out of the world, but be protected from the evil one. Why do you think Jesus says this in His prayer?
- How do verses 14-15 impact how you think about your role in this world, and your prayers for yourself and the church?

Read John 17:20-26 and discuss the following questions.

- Reflecting on Jesus' desire for believers to be brought to complete unity, what are some common barriers to unity among Christians?
- What would it look like for diverse Christians to display unity in such a powerful way as to cause the watching world to consider Jesus?

Application

- Jesus’ prayer for His disciples models what He desires for us-to find our few in which we’re to invest in and point to Christ. Who are some of the few Jesus has called or is calling you to influence for him?
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Pray as a group (Break into separate groups/rooms for men and women to pray together)

- How can we be praying for each other this week?