

The Passion of Jesus

[John 17:6-16– part 2 of 3]

Last week: Jesus prayed for His pre-incarnation glory to be revealed (17:1-5).

This week: Jesus prayed for His disciples' interaction with the world (17:6-19).

John 17:6 [Jesus continued in prayer], "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 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." ...

BI: We need to disciple _____, or _____ will disciple us.

- I. Jesus' prayer about _____'s Sovereignty and His Disciples (17:6-10)
- II. Jesus prayed for His Disciples in relation to the _____ (11-16)
- III. Jesus prayed His Disciples would be _____ - _____ with purpose (17-19)

Welcome to Grace Church Seattle. Our goal is to be a gathering of people who follow Jesus and help others do the same. But how do you do this in today's "progressive" and "woke" culture that wants you to conform to a specific gender-neutral / sexualized image that is anti-biblical / anti-Jesus?

This might feel offensive. I can see why you might feel that way. But think for a moment from a different perspective – the GOSPEL of JESUS is offensive at just the right point where culture has gotten off course from doing things GOD's way. If we lived in a culture that was ultra-Right-Wing, then the message of the GOSPEL would be offensive in a different way. The reason is because we would be confronting different issues of how that culture had gotten off track from Jesus' vision for this world.

In the High Priestly Prayer of John 17, Jesus prayed for His Disciples in how they would engage the world. When Jesus used the word "world" He meant, "*A society that has organized itself without GOD.*" Another term for this is "secularization." Seattle is secular in a progressive way away from GOD. And it has only gotten worse in the past 20 years, exponentially in the past 6 years. What this tells me is the world is doing a better job of discipling us and our children than the church is of discipling the world. Grace Church, if we (Christians) don't disciple Seattle, Seattle will continue to disciple us. Seattle is the way that it is because the church gave up. Christians fled or laid down or started focusing on the wrong message or stopped working together. And now, we are impotent. But, if we start focusing on the GOSPEL of JESUS and telling His story and teaching people what the LORD thinks of each issue, then yes, we will become potent again in the powerful name of Jesus.

Jesus prayed for you related to the above. Do you believe this? In John 17, He prayed that you would not be taken out of this world by GOD, but rather that you would be kept from the evil one as you are set apart for His purpose → to disciple this world (see John 17:14-19). Let us focus on these ideas in our questions, contemplation, and application this week.

Application Questions:

1. What are ways that you have noticed that the Seattle culture has disciplined you or your kids (i.e., shaped your values and actions)?
2. Read John 17:6-19, focusing on v. 15 – What does Jesus mean?
3. Focus on vv. 17-19? Define "sanctify" and "consecrate" – sanctified and consecrated for what purpose? Pray for each other related to this...