

Discussion Questions

John 17 - Jesus Prays

Sunday, January 9, 2022

Ice Breaker (Optional. Take just a few minutes on this):

- A. When you prepare to go on a trip, do you write up a packing list or do you work from your memory?

Reflecting on the Passage

1. Read John 17 aloud. What words or ideas or themes catch your attention?
2. What "words" had Jesus just spoken? (v.1)
3. What "hour" had come? (v.1)
4. How would you define "glorify" in your own words? (v. 1, 4, 5, 10)
5. How would you define "sanctify" in your own words? (v. 19)
6. Why does Jesus say, "I am not praying for the world," in v. 9?
7. List out the specific ways Jesus prays for his disciples in verses 9-20.

Reflecting on your Life

8. Where do you find hope in this passage? What encourages you? What is God calling you to?
9. What from this passage can you use to 1) encourage a believer or, 2) share the gospel with an unbeliever?
10. In the sermon, Pastor Paul identified three main themes of
 - a. Make Clear. Make plain, visible, readily evident for others to see.
 - i. Jesus says in v.10 that He is glorified (made clear, visible) in us. In what ways is this true of your life?
 - ii. In the sermon, Pastor Paul said, *"I think of my own life and how reluctant I am to offer myself, to sacrifice my time, my comfort, my security in order to make Jesus readily evident in my life."* What struggles do you face in seeking to make Jesus known in your life? How do you overcome those struggles? How can this group help you?
 - b. Relationships. What are the three relationships Pastor Paul highlighted in the sermon?
 - i. What does it mean for you to think of God as "Father"?
 - ii. Consider the list you compiled in Question 7 above. How does that list inform the way you pray for one another in your T-Group? How well does that list describe your current experience of your T-Group? In what ways can your T-Group grow to reflect the reality that Jesus is praying for you?
 - c. Set Apart. Sanctified. Consecrated. Made holy.
 - i. How did Pastor Paul define "world" in the sermon?

- ii. How do you know if you are “in the world” and not “of the world”? What are ways that you determine this distinction? What are ways that you keep yourself “set apart”?

Deeper into Scripture

- 11. How does Hebrews 10:10-14 help you understand Jesus’s role as intercessor and High Priest?
- 12. What parallels do you see between Matthew 6:9-13 and John 17?

From the bulletin.... ***Kingdom Implications for Your Life:***

- 13. *Read slowly through John 17, and as you do, ask Jesus to pray this over your life.*