

Many Rooms

The 'Way of Life' Series

Connecting with others around the presence of Jesus, & growing spiritually
by understanding and applying God's Word, together.

Week 14: John 17:20-26

PREPARE and PRAY

Breathe deeply, settle in, and prepare to meet with God. Then **invite God to speak** to you through His Word.

READ and LISTEN

Slowly read this week's Scripture several times. As you read, **listen to the Holy Spirit** with your heart and mind.

SUMMARIZE and REFLECT

On this page or in a journal, **summarize the core teaching** of these verses. **Ask God for insight** as you reflect on and answer the following questions.

1. What is one thing Jesus's words and/or actions reveal about God?
2. In your own words, what does Jesus say about who a disciple is and what disciples do?

DIG and DISCOVER

Take a closer look at God's truth. Let these questions and insights **deepen your understanding** as you prepare to apply God's word.

"He prayed for them. He prays for us. He knew His intercession for them would prevail. He knows His intercession for us will prevail. Then let us rest in Him, with the rest of loving obedience and of surest confidence." - G. Campbell Morgan

1. In vs 20-23, Jesus prays for believers to be unified with each other and with God, just as He is unified with God.
 - o Do you think of the Christian life as unity with God and other believers? Why or why not?
 - o What does it mean to be unified with God? How do you unify with Him? (see John 14:15-17, 23, 15:5, 9-10)
2. Jesus envisioned a great multitude before the throne of God of every nation, race, language, class, and social level (see Revelation 7:9-10). Jesus prayed that we might rise above our different backgrounds and be one.
 - o What stands in the way of our unity with one another?
3. As before, Jesus did not pray for uniformity or institutional unity among believers, but for unity rooted in love and a shared nature, bringing together the many different parts of Jesus's one body. (See Ephesians 4:30).
 - o Discuss the difference between uniformity and unity. Why would Jesus pray for the latter, and not the former?
4. Genuine love must have an object outside of itself to love; therefore, love existed between the Persons of the Godhead before anything was created.
 - o How do Jesus's words bear witness to that in John 17:24?
 - o What do these Scriptures tell us about God's eternal nature and love? (Micah 5:2; 1 John 4:8, 16)
5. Re-read chapter 17. Answer the following questions:
 - o The Father gave the Son...?
 - o The Son gives Believers...?
 - o The Son asks the Father to...?
 - o What did Jesus pray for Himself (v1-5)?
 - o What did Jesus pray for His disciples (v6-19)?
 - o What did Jesus pray for future Believers/us (v20-26)?
 - o What is the objective/goal of this prayer?
 - o What is the strategy or plan to reach the goal?
 - o What are the tactics or strategies to carry out the plan?
6. How does John 17 reveal Jesus as the believers' High Priest in heaven, and how does this help you? (See Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:23-25)
7. What in this passage could you pray for yourself? Your family? Your church? Others?
8. Review John 13-17. What is one thing you will take away from this study and apply to your life?

RESPOND and COMMIT

Ask God how he wants you to **respond to His Word** today and this week. **Commit to one step** of action and **share it** with someone you know.