

SERMON OUTLINE John 17:11-19

I Am Praying for Your Time in the World - Part 2

JESUS' PRAYERS FOR HIS DISCIPLES

1. *Perseverance (11 12)*
2. *Unity (11)*
3. *Joy (13)*
4. *Faithfulness (14)*

5. *Protection (15)*

6. *Sanctification (17, 19)*

WHAT JESUS DIDN'T PRAY FOR

1. *He didn't pray for improved circumstances.*

2. *He didn't pray for the world's condemnation.*

HOW THE FATHER RESPONDED TO JESUS' PRAYERS

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of the passage is that Jesus was leaving, the disciples were staying, and, therefore, they needed specific help to continue living according to the Word Jesus had given them. The primary takeaways for us are to consider carefully our relationship to the world, and within that, to seek the things Jesus prayed for above everything else (perseverance, unity, joy, faithfulness, protection, and sanctification).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. Are you able to restate the big idea of this passage in your own words?
3. Understanding your changed and changing relationship with the world and the world's growing hostility toward you because of it, what would you hope Jesus would ask of the Father for you?
4. Of Jesus' three requests on the disciples' behalf that we considered this week, which would you most like God to grant you?
5. Which of Jesus' three requests have you found easiest to come by as you seek to bring the gospel to the world? Most elusive?
6. Have you ever experienced genuine persecution for obeying one of Jesus' commands?
7. How can you tell if you are experiencing spiritual warfare/demonic oppression? Have you ever experienced it?
8. When do you typically experience the most significant sanctification?
9. Are there any specific ways in which you are seeking to cultivate faithfulness, protection, or sanctification at Grace Church?
10. What do you make of what Jesus didn't pray for? Do either of those things especially stand out to you?
11. Does it surprise you that all six of Jesus' requests of the Father on behalf of the disciples were so clearly answered in Acts?
12. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

13. Consider carefully where you are most tempted to disobey Jesus in order not to experience persecution. Repent.
14. Consider the things Jesus did pray for. Pray those things for the people of Grace Church.
15. Find a specific way to help another Christian remain faithful to the commands of Jesus, resist the devil, and grow in holiness.
16. Find one specific way to help one specific person obey one specific command of Jesus.
17. Share the gospel with someone who is still in and of the world.
18. Ask two different people in your family or DG (1) One thing they got from this sermon, and (2) How you can pray for them.
19. Ask God to show you one specific thing you ought to do differently as a result of this text or sermon? Share that and pray about it with someone in your DG. Continue praying for and checking in with each other until you've both done it.

PRAYER POINTS

20. Adoration. Praise God for being Holy Father. Praise God for being Creator of the world. Praise God for being perfectly unified within the godhead. Praise God that He is always faithful and truthful. Praise God for being sovereign, wise, and good.
21. Confess. Confess any ways in which you have been tempted to or have given in to fear instead of remaining faithful. Confess any times you have acted as if demons aren't real. Confess any lack of concern for your sanctification in the truth of the Word.
22. Thanksgiving. Thank God for granting faithfulness, protection, and holiness. Thank God that one day He will create a new world in which it will no longer be possible to be "of it". Thank God for giving us His Word and perfectly keeping it.
23. Supplication. Ask God to make our church increasingly not "of the world." Ask God for the things Jesus asked Him for in this passage. Ask God to help us humbly long for heaven. Ask God to strengthen the weak and save the lost among us.