

SERMON OUTLINE John 17:20-24

Jesus Prayed for You

JESUS PRAYED FOR YOU AND REVEALED THE ESSENCE OF DISCIPLESHIP (20)

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The Essence of Discipleship

WHAT JESUS PRAYED FOR YOU (21-24)

Unity (21, 22, 23)

Indwelling (21, 23)

Unified Indwelling Leading to Effective Evangelism (21, 23)

Glory Leading to Unity (22)

In Jesus' Glorious Presence (24)

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The big idea of this passage is that Jesus cares deeply about His followers, knows certainly what we need most, and believes wholly in the sovereign grace of His Father and so He prays. The main takeaways for us are to marvel at the fact that Jesus prayed for us and to prayerfully and zealously seek the things Jesus asked of the Father on our behalf.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What do you think of the idea that Jesus prayed for you on the night before His crucifixion? Is there any sense of amazement?
3. If you were to make a prayer list for Jesus, what would be on it? How does it compare to the things He did pray for you?
4. Do you think much about your great, great grandkids? Have you ever thought about praying for them? Why/not?
5. Do you know who shared the gospel with the person who shared the gospel with you? How far back can you go?
6. Have you ever thought about the definition of discipleship? If so, what did you come up with?
7. Do you feel called to engage in discipleship? If not, why not? If so, what does it look like in your life?
8. Which of Jesus' five prayers for you do you most wish the Father would answer? Has He answered any in your life already?
9. Are there any prayers you're afraid to pray? If so, why? What's the biggest thing you've asked for? What happened?
10. Would you describe yourself as unified with God and His people? How is that related to the glory of God?
11. Have you ever experienced the reality of unity with God and Christians leading to the conversion of a non-Christian?
12. What do you want more than anything? If you're being totally honest, where on your top ten list is Jesus' glorious presence?
13. In what ways did the sermon help you see the greatness of God?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

14. Make a list of people to pray for and pray for the things Jesus prayed for you. Include people from future generations.
15. Find one person at Grace Church and begin to intentionally disciple them. If you're not sure how, talk to your elder.
16. Share one aspect of the glory of God you find in your quiet time with three people at Grace as a means of building unity.
17. After a particularly significant quiet time this week, go with someone from Grace to share the gospel with a non-Christian.
18. Read all the passages you can find on the new heavens and earth. Ask God to fill you with an increased longing for that.
19. Prayerfully seek to grow in one specific way in one of the specific prayers Jesus prayed for you.
20. 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.
21. 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

22. Adoration. Praise God for being the beginning and the end, the first and the last, the alpha and omega. Praise God for being perfectly unified with the Son and Spirit. Praise God for being infinitely glorious. Praise God for being merciful and gracious.
23. Confess. Confess any fear of praying for big things, of evangelism, of fully engaging the church, of loving your neighbor, or of speaking boldly about Jesus as King. Confess longing for anything more than dwelling in Jesus' glorious presence.
24. Thanksgiving. Thank God for granting unity within our church. Thank God for the person who shared the gospel with you and the person who shared it with them. Thank God for loving, saving, and preparing you a place in Jesus' glorious presence.
25. Supplication. Ask God to unify our church even further in holiness and mission, to grant us the ability to see and savor His glory in even larger measure, to make us bold and fruitful in evangelism, and to fill us with greater longing for heaven.