

3. Jesus _____ Himself for the mission and for them/us. (17:19)

JOHN

LIFE IN JESUS

Jesus and His prayer for His Followers

John 17:6-19

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In John 17, Jesus is praying the longest prayer recorded in the four Gospels just before His arrest and crucifixion. The prayer is massive in scope, truth, themes, and significance. We come today to the second part of the prayer where Jesus prays for His first followers.

1. Jesus reflects on the disciples' _____ for His mission. (17:6-10)

- _____: They/we have been _____ to Jesus.
- _____: They/we have been given the _____ about Jesus.
- _____: They/we have _____ the truth about Jesus.

2. Jesus prays for the disciples' _____ to His mission. (17:11-18)

- Jesus prays for their/our _____ in and for His mission.
- Jesus prays for their/our _____ in and for His mission.
- Jesus prays for their/our _____ in and for His mission.
- Jesus prays for their/our holy _____ in and for His mission.

TAKING ACTION

This week, take action in response to God's Word by taking some time to complete these two sentences in your own words:

1. The mission of Jesus and my mission as a follower of Jesus is
2. As a follower of Jesus, I'm practically connected to and living the mission of Jesus by

NEXT WEEK: *Jesus and His Prayer for Us | John 17:20-26*

Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Are you a football fan? Did you watch the Super Bowl? Do you watch other sports? Which sports?

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Read the whole of John 17 together as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How did this text/message speak to you?
2. What is the mission of Jesus and, therefore, our mission as His church? Where is that mission explicitly expressed in Jesus' prayer?
3. In John 17, Jesus prays for our protection "keep them" from two foes. What are those foes, and why are they a threat?
4. Why is our unity as a church critical for our fruitfulness in mission?

5. Jesus prays for our joy in His mission. What is joyful about His mission? What about His mission can leave us joyless?
6. What does Jesus mean in 17:17 when He says, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth." What does that word sanctify mean? How does the truth sanctify us? Play with and ponder that concept.
7. What does it look like to live set apart for Jesus and His mission? What does that practically look like in our passions and priorities?
8. TAKING ACTION: Our lives connect to the mission of Jesus in so many ways, but we don't always see that. Why is it powerful to see it? How is your life currently and practically connected to the mission of Jesus?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- What Jesus prays for them/us, we should pray for one another! So pray for protection, unity, joy, and a holy set apart-ness in and for the mission of Jesus.
- The very real problems/trials/struggles of life can distract us from our mission. Share and pray for one another's needs and for your focus on the mission of Jesus.