



The Gospel of John Jesus Prays For The Church | Part 30

This resource can be used to guide your personal anchoring time throughout the week, a small group discussion, or even a one-on-one conversation.

REFLECT

As Jesus concludes his time of prayer, He turns His focus towards the worldwide church. He prays that the church would be unified through the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Each person in the body of Christ is called to be unified in our mission - to share the Gospel as we leverage our gifts for the Kingdom of God.

- *Read John 17:20-26.* As you read, what questions do you have? What stands out to you as interesting or important?
- What is the difference between unity and sameness? Why do you think Jesus focuses on unity within the Church?
- *Read Ephesians 4:3-6.* Why must unity as a church start with you being unified with the Holy Spirit?
- *Read John 13:34-35.* How does loving one another lead to unity?
- *Reread John 17:25-26.* What is the collective task that the church pursues together? How can you and your group be unified in sharing the Gospel? Where can you serve individually or as a group?

PRAY

Begin your time of prayer by reading **Philippians 2:1-5**. Read it slowly. Now, use this verse to guide your prayer. To get you started...

FOCUS on the comfort found in the love of Christ.

THANK God for empowering the church with one ambition, one devotion, and one mission to share the Gospel with people here, near, and far.

CONFESS where you are experiencing conflict with other people and believers.

ASK the Holy Spirit to help you look towards the interest of others in humility and love.

***Keep going this week by reading these scriptures:**

1 Corinthians 1:10
Romans 14:13-19
Psalm 133:1
Mark 12:29-31

