



Discipleship Resource

“Listen, Jesus is Praying”

John 17:1-26

Scripture Memory

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!”

Psalm 133:1 (ESV)

Sermon Summary

What is our greatest need as the body of Christ today? According to the Lord’s prayer in John 17, our greatest need as a church is gospel unity. First, in verse 1, on the evening before He went to the cross, Jesus intentionally prays for us. Second, in verse 20, Jesus prays for us to be united as one, just as He and the Father are one. Third, in verse 21, Jesus prays for us to be united as one so that the world would see and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, unity is not an option, it is essential to the mission of the gospel.

Discussion Guide

- Why do we need both “The Lord’s Prayer” in Matthew 6 and the Lord’s prayer in John 17?
- How does it move you to know that in John 17, Jesus intentionally prays for you and I?
- According to the Lord’s prayer, why is unity the greatest need in the church today?
- Culturally, why is unity one of the greatest challenges in the church today?
- Practically, how does our unity within the church impact the way we engage the world?

Prayer Guide

- As a disciple, praise God that He has invited us into His family through the work of the Son.
- For your family, pray that we would be unified in the home, as well as the church.
- For our church, pray that we would give up our preferences to pursue unity.
- For our city, pray that our neighbors would see the gospel on display because of our unity.
- For our world, pray that the global church would be united through the gospel of our Lord.