

# Jesus Prays For Us

## John 17 v 20-26

### Context:

What was Jesus doing on the night before he was crucified? Well, I guess he was doing many things, but one of the most amazing answers to that question is: he was praying for us – he was praying for you. Wow! How stunning to think that, in the midst of all he had to cope with that night, he took the time to think of you and pray for you. Let's join the disciples in the Upper Room at the Last Supper as they listen in to Jesus praying. He has just been praying for them and now he turns his attention to pray for us.

### Observation:

1. How does Jesus describe us in v 20?
2. What does he pray for us and why in v 21?
3. What has Jesus given to his followers and why according to v 22-23a?
4. What will be the ultimate outcome and effect of this prayer according to the end of v 23?
5. What does Jesus say he wants in v 24?
6. How does Jesus address God at the beginning of v 25?
7. Who does not know God according to the beginning of v 25?
8. Who does know God and what do Jesus' followers know according to the end of v 25?
9. Why has Jesus made God known to us (v 26)?

### Meaning:

1. What do you think Jesus means when he prays that his followers will be one, just as he is in the Father and vice versa (v 20)?
2. Why do you think the unity of believers, accomplished by being in the Father and Jesus, will convince the world that God sent Jesus (v 21 & 23b)?
3. What does Jesus mean by his 'glory' (v 22) and how does receiving this glory bring about the complete unity of believers that Jesus prays for (v 22-23a)?
4. Does complete unity mean Christians never disagree with each other? How do we maintain and express our unity when we disagree?
5. What do you think Jesus means when he prays in v 24 for us to be with him where he is? What would it be like to see his glory?
6. What do you think Jesus means when he prays in v 26 that the love God has for Jesus may be in us and what effect should that have on and in our lives?

**Application:**

1. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus spent part of his final night before his death praying for you?
2. Can you think of any examples where Christians have disagreed with each other but have remained in unity? Are there any circumstances in which Christians may have to break unity in order to maintain truth?
3. Why would a disunited church be a bad witness to the world (v 21 & v 23)?
4. What impact should the hope of our future home with Jesus and seeing his glory (v 24) have on our daily lives?

**Pray:**

- Thank Jesus for praying for you.
- Pray for the unity of the church, locally, nationally and globally.
- Ask God to sustain you in this life with the future hope of seeing his glory and being with him.