

Light & Life – The Book Of John  
Jesus Prays For His Disciples John 17:1-26  
Cornerstone Church Of Poway  
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Sermon Notes

**Big Idea:** A Devoted Follower Of Jesus Believes and Accepts God's Word.

**Jesus Prayed For His Followers to:**

**1. Have Eternal Life By Knowing The One True God & His Son**

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. **Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.** <sup>2</sup> For you granted Him **authority** over all people that He might **give eternal life** to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is **eternal life:** that they may **know you, the only true God,** and **Jesus Christ**, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have **brought you glory** on earth by **completing** the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, **glorify me** in your presence with **the glory I had with you before the world began.** John 17:1-5 (NIV)

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name **Immanuel.** [God with us.] **Isaiah 7:14 (NASB)**

For to us a **child** is born, to us a **son** is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And He will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** **Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me **and they have obeyed your word.** <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me **comes from you.** <sup>8</sup> **For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them.** They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they **believed** that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. **And glory has come to me through them.** John 17:6-10 (NIV)

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**2. Be Protected From The Evil One**

<sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but **they are still in the world**, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, **protect them** by the power of your name--the name you gave me--**so that they may be one as we are one.** <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, **I protected them and kept them safe** by that name you gave me. None has been lost except **the one doomed to destruction** so that Scripture would be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have **the full measure of my joy within them.** <sup>14</sup> **I have given them your word** and the world has hated them, **for they are not of the world** any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you

take them out of the world but that **you protect them from the evil one.** <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. **John 17:11-16 (NIV)**

**Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**  
**James 4:7 (NIV)**

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### **3. Be Set Apart As His Witnesses**

<sup>17</sup> **Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.** <sup>18</sup> As you **sent me** into the world, I have **sent them** into the world. <sup>19</sup> **For them I sanctify myself**, that they too may be **truly sanctified.** <sup>20</sup> "My prayer is not for them alone. **I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,** <sup>21</sup> that all of them may **be one**, Father, just as **you are in me and I am in you.** May they also **be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.** <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, **that they may be one as we are one:** <sup>23</sup> **I in them and you in me.** May they be brought to **complete unity** to let the world know that you sent me and have **loved them** even as you have **loved me.** <sup>24</sup> "Father, I want those you have given me **to be with me where I am**, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. <sup>25</sup> "**Righteous Father**, though the world does not know you, I know you, and **they know that you have sent me.** <sup>26</sup> **I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known** in order that the **love you have for me may be in them** and that **I myself may be in them.**" **John 17:17-26 (NIV)**

Finally, all of you should be of **one mind**. Sympathize with each other. **Love** each other as brothers and sisters. **Be tenderhearted**, and keep a **humble attitude.** <sup>9</sup> Don't repay evil for evil. **Don't retaliate** with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a **blessing.** That is what God has called you to do, and **He will bless you for it.** <sup>10</sup> For the Scriptures say, "If you want to **enjoy life** and see many happy days, **keep your tongue from speaking evil** and your lips from telling lies. <sup>11</sup> **Turn away from evil** and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. <sup>12</sup> The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil." <sup>13</sup> Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. <sup>15</sup> Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. <sup>16</sup> But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.  
**1 Peter 3:8-16 (NLT2)**

- **Do you believe and accept the words of Jesus as truth?**

### **My Next Right Step, I Will:**

- ☐ Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- ☐ Attend Cornerstone's Membership Class - February 25, 12:30 - 2pm
- ☐ Find a Place To Serve ☐ First Impressions ☐ Media ☐ Children's Ministry

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**Small Group Leader:** Choose how many questions that will honor your time commitment. Encourage everyone to participate in either a question, reading or prayer. If using this as a family, use the icebreaker section to go deeper on Sunday's teaching.

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**Open in Prayer.**

**Icebreaker:**

How would you describe eternal life to someone?

What example in regard to prayer did Jesus give us?

What can you do today to bring glory to God?

**Jesus Prayed For His Followers To:**

**1. Have Eternal Life By Knowing The One True God & His Son**

**Read John 17:1-5**

\*For what purpose did God grant Jesus' authority over all people? 17:2

How can we experience eternal life? 17:3

How did Jesus bring glory to the father? 17:4

What glory did Jesus have before the world began? 17:5

**Read Isaiah 7:14**

What name and honor will be given to this son?

**Read Isaiah 9:6**

What names of glory are given to the messiah?

**Read John 17:6-10**

What do you think is most challenging for a Christian living in today's culture?

In what way might you say the world is a dangerous place for a Christian to live?

## **2. Be Protected From The Evil One**

### **Read John 17:11-16**

What did Jesus ask His Father to do for His disciples? 17:11

Why did the world hate Jesus' disciples? 17:14

What was Jesus' prayer concerning His disciples? 17:15

What relationship did Jesus' disciples have with the world? 17:16

### **Read James 4:7**

How do we win against the devil?

## **3. Be Set Apart As His Witnesses**

### **Read John 17:17-26**

How would Jesus' disciples be set aside for God's use? 17:17

What does your life-style indicate about your relationship to the world?

When and from what has God protected you?

Where would you say you were in the process of being set apart for God's use?

How does God's truth sanctify us or make us holy?

\*Why did Jesus want all believers to be one? 17:21

\*What did Jesus want the world to know? 17:23

\*How are Christians today divided? Why?

Why is unity so difficult for Christians to achieve?

What relationship do you have with the Father and the Son?

\*What can you do to promote unity among fellow Christians?

How can you be a testimony of God's love and mercy to the world?

Close in prayer: