

**LET'S GET STARTED**

We are going to look at the most precious prayer in the Bible. The Son of God is talking with Father God about His purpose, His people, and His passion. Let's begin the evening by praying that God would impress upon our hearts the majesty of our glorious God and His endless love and compassion.

**LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE**

Jesus has been instructing and encouraging the disciples for hours as they ate the Passover meal together in the upper room. Now, they have walked to a place to pray. (It was possibly Gethsemane (which means "olive press") in an olive grove across from the walls around Jerusalem. In only minutes or hours, Jesus will be arrested. John chapter 17 some of Jesus' prayer that night.

Read John 17:1-19 and consider these questions.

Much is said in Jesus' prayer about the relationship between the Son and the Father. What stands out to you?

What was Jesus' status before He came into the world?

What were/are Jesus' specific requests? What did He ask the Father to do?

What did Jesus, Father, and the Holy Spirit want for people?

In between His requests, Jesus reviewed His mission on earth. What was his mission?

What did Jesus expect of people who believed in Him?

### **APPLY IT THIS WEEK**

In much of this prayer, Jesus is sharing His heart – the kind of relationship He has with the Father, why He came to earth, and what He wants for us. As you read and ponder these words, what does God want you to take to heart? To dwell on this week? To follow in your purpose, words, and actions?

### **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

If someone asked 'What does God want for us,' how would we answer from this passage?

What do we learn about God's heart and character from this passage? How can we take this to heart? How should we respond to our amazing God?

Since Jesus wanted the disciples (and us) to have this prayer, what do you think God wanted us to know? To feel? To do?

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- So many of our loved ones are suffering. Please pray this week for the following people:
  - For Andrea Benveniste whose daughter, Sydney (20), just died.
  - For Margaret, Lauren, and Logan Luevano, Carlos died, memorial service March 11
  - For Margie Gifford, Jen, Lori, Don died, memorial service March 12
  - For Linda Carrier, her husband Tom died Tuesday, memorial service March 14
  - For Patty Spitzer, mother Ellie died, memorial service March 17
  - For Terren McClenathan, daughter Molly (1), lung fibrosis, on vent for covid
- Please pray for our staff and elders
- Please pray for our love and service for one another
- Please pray for leaders in our nation and world