

Home Group Leader's Notes

Week of March 6, 2022

John 17:1-19

Sermon Series: *This is Love*

John 17 is a window into the intimate relationship of the Father and the Son. Much of this prayer isn't asking – it is the Son speaking with the Father about their relationship, their mission, and their plans. Let's listen in on the most precious prayer in all of Scripture.

LEARN FROM GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE

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?

- Intimacy between the Father and the Son
- To glorify (make known, spotlight) one another, for revealing Himself and inviting us into His glory is the greatest thing God can do for us
- They share all things – "All I have is yours, and all you have is mine." (10)
- They are one (11)
- Jesus looked forward to rejoining the Father (10, 13)
- Jesus affirmed the character and works of the Father God: His plan, glory, authority, power, works, protection, master plans, truth, etc.

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

He lived eternally in glory (5), one with the Father (11), one essence with the Father (3, 5, 10)

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

- 1) To glorify the Son (1)
- 2) To glorify the Son in the Father's presence (5)
- 3) To protect the disciples to be one (11)
- 4) A result is that they would have full measure of Jesus' joy
- 5) To protect them from the evil one
- 6) To sanctify them by the truth, His word

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

- Eternal life (2)
- To see the glory of God in Jesus (4)
- To know God – the revelation of God (6)
- The words of God (8), the truth (17)
- For people to believe (8)
- To be protected from turning to the world and the evil one (15)
- To have Jesus' joy (13)

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

- 1) To glorify the Father
- 2) To grant eternal life
- 3) To complete the work of the Father
- 4) To reveal the Father
- 5) To protect the believers
- 6) To share the Father's words

What did Jesus expect of people who believed in Him?

- To no longer be "in the world"
- To obey the Father's and Jesus' words
- To know God
- To believe that the Father sent Jesus
- To glorify Jesus
- To be one
- To have Jesus' joy
- To be sanctified
- To be sent into the world (implied, to continue Jesus' mission and works)

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?

Are people noticing this section? More importantly, does it help us to apply? To ponder?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

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

The essence of the good news is found in the prayer of Jesus.

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?

This passage has the effect of Isaiah 6 on me – I want to fall on my knees and worship 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?

So much is here. It should inspire worship, action / mission, value (that we are privileged to be included in God's revelation of Himself, joy, security, and more.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING. SO MANY PEOPLE IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY ARE HURTING, AND WE NEED TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH AND OUR WORLD.

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

Grace and peace to you my brothers and sisters,
Steve