

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

John 17:1-26

Main Thought: From Jesus' prayer in John 17, we can learn about His relationship with the Father and His heart for His followers.

1. JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS _____. (vv 1-5)

1) The hour has come – glorification thru the cross resulting in _____ for those who believe.

2) Returned to the glory He had before _____.

2. JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES AND ALL _____. (vv 6-26)

1) Jesus prays that His Father will keep His _____ safe.

2) Jesus prays that His followers will _____ the full measure of His own joy.

3) Jesus prays that His followers will be _____.

4) Jesus prays that His followers will be _____.

5) Jesus prays that His followers will be with Him _____.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read John 17:1-26 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. What does Jesus pray for Himself in verses 1-5?

8. What hour has come?

9. How are Jesus and God the Father glorified through the cross?

10. What is eternal life according to verse 3?

11. What is the glory that Jesus had before the creation of the world? How might that glory look different after Jesus' incarnation, death, resurrection, and ascension?

12. What does Jesus pray for His disciples and other believers? (See verses 6-26)

13. What does it look like for Jesus' followers to be united?

14. How does the unity of believers testify to the world about God?