

**Jesus' Prayer for Us- John 17:20-26**  
March 29th, 2015

## OBSERVE & REFLECT

*(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)*

### READ John 17:20-26

- ☀ Read the text at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the text? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the text? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

## INVESTIGATE & APPLY

*(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)*

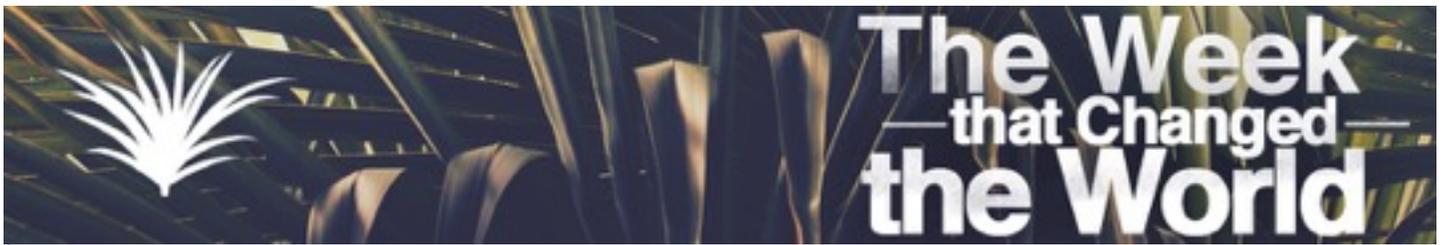
1. Review the three “sections” of the prayer. Who is Jesus praying for and what specifically is he asking for them?
  - v.1-5-
  - v.6-20-
  - v.21-25-
2. In the final section, Jesus turns the attention to all of those who would believe in the future, which is us. When Jesus prayed it, how “successful” did Jesus’ ministry look? How was this statement a promise regarding the spread of the Gospel through his disciples?
3. Jesus main prayer for us, as those who are his followers, is unity. What does this word mean? What does it not mean? In other words, what are the two extremes that we are in danger of on either side of unity?
4. Jesus prayed, “that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.” Why is this so difficult for us?
5. Why is God glorified by unity? (Remember, our definition of Glory- God’s greatness on display). How is the message of the Gospel destroyed by division over minor matters?

“To think that we are privileged to listen in as God the Son converses with His Father just as he is about to give his life as a ransom for sinners.”

-Warren Wiersbe

## NEXT STEPS

- What specifically are we united around? (Are there things worth dividing over, and, if so, what things are worth dividing over?)
- What are some examples of things that we shouldn’t divide over? (Areas that we are called to disagree about but remain together in love). What is the result if we divide over minor things?
- What is required of all of us to attain unity as a body? Does this teaching extend beyond GBC to the way we treat other Christians?



## **The High Priestly Prayer (from ESV study bible)**

### **The Father Gave the Son . . .**

- authority to give eternal life v. 2
- people out of this world vv. 2, 6, 9, 24
- work to accomplish v. 4
- words v. 8
- his name vv. 11, 12
- glory vv. 22, 24

### **The Son Gives Believers . . .**

- eternal life v. 2
- the Father's word vv. 8, 14
- manifestation of the Father's name vv. 6, 26
- glory v. 22

### **The Son Asks the Father to . . .**

- glorify him vv. 1, 5
- keep believers in the Father's name v. 11
- keep believers from the evil one v. 15
- sanctify believers in the truth v. 17
- make believers one v. 21

### **Jesus' Followers and the World**

- they are sent into the world v. 18
- they are in the world v. 11
- they are not of the world v. 16
- the world has hated them v. 14
- their unity with each other  
and union with God may cause the  
world to believe the Father sent the Son v. 21