

Life Group Discussion Material - Sunday, August 28th Message

Praying with Jesus (John 17)

21 Weeks with Jesus

1. We see in John 17, and other places in scripture, that Jesus takes time to pray for himself. Do you pray for yourself enough? Too much? Not at all?
2. Jesus was praying for his own glorification, his return to heaven. How can you pray in regard to your “glorification” while you still live this life?
3. John 17:3 summarizes the gospel in a broad way. What two elements are essential to the gospel in this verse? *Hint: Both God and Jesus are mentioned, what is their relationship in reference to the gospel?*
4. In John 17:9, Jesus prays for His disciples specifically and in John 17:20, he prays for those who are to become disciples later. As a disciple of Jesus today, is it encouraging to you that Jesus prayed for you 2000 years ago and that His prayers still go out for you today? Consider the magnitude of this and discuss.

Read these verses in reference to the above question and discuss:

1 John 2:1

Romans 8:33-34

Hebrews 4:14-16

5. How do you pray for other believers? Have you ever used the topics that Jesus prayed for?
6. When you pray for others, is your focus typically on life events (physical) or do you focus on the spiritual growth of the other believer?
7. Prayer is one of those spiritual disciplines that we can all easily drop our heads in shame and say that we fail more often than we succeed in. Paul says that we should “pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17).” What does he really mean by that statement and how can that help us not feel shame when it comes to our prayer lives?