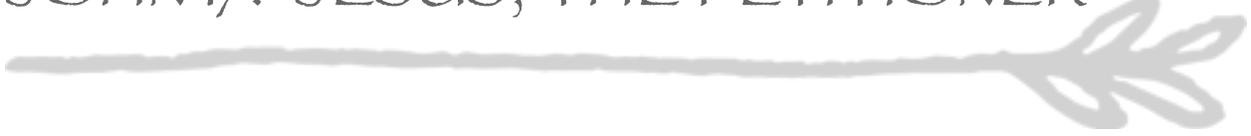


JOHN 17: JESUS, THE PETITIONER



“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message...”
-John 17:20 (NIV)

DAY ONE: GETTING STARTED

Before you start, take a moment to pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom to you as you read the word of God. Take time to confess any sin that may need repentance and receive the grace the Lord has for you.

Read John 17:1-33 today. Record any key verses or phrases that stood out to you and why.
(Read it several times using different translations and/or listen to an audio version if possible.)

DAY TWO: JESUS PRAYS TO THE FATHER

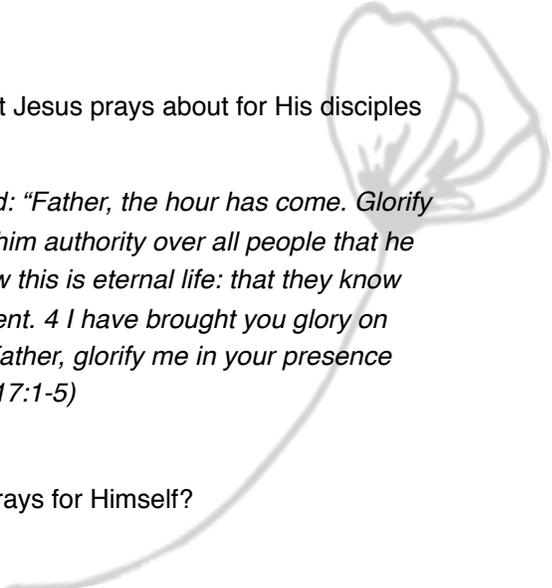
Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 17:1-5 today.

1. Go through Jesus' prayer in **verses 1-5** and circle the things that Jesus prays about for His disciples and all believers.

1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. (John 17:1-5)

How do the things you circled compare with the things He prays for Himself?



DAY THREE: PRAYER OF HIS OWN

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 17:6-11 today.

7. In **John 1:18** and also in **John 17:6**, the word of God says that Jesus revealed the Father to us. Jesus made seven “I Am” statements in John. These names of God reveal the very nature of God. Let’s review these “I Am” statements and record what they reveal about the Father’s nature.

“I Am ***the bread of life***” (Chpt. 6:35) -

“I Am ***the light of the world***” (Chpt. 8:12) -

“I Am ***the gate***” (Chpt. 10:7,9) -

“I Am ***the good shepherd***” (Chpt. 10:11,14) -

“I Am ***the resurrection and the life***” (Chpt. 11:25) -

“I Am ***the way, the truth, and the life***” (Chpt. 14:6) -

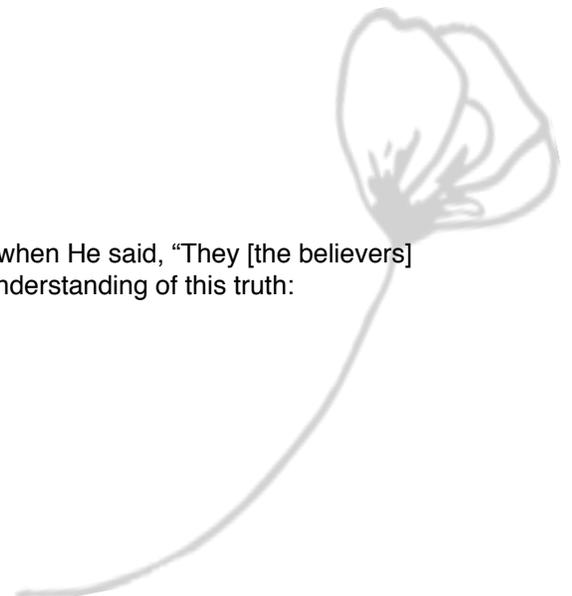
“I Am ***the vine***” (Chpt. 15:1,5)-

8. What had the disciples been taught by Jesus? (**vs. 6-8**)

9. Jesus references one of the great theological truths in **verse 6** when He said, “They [the believers] were always yours.” What do the following verses add to the understanding of this truth:

Ephesians 1:4-5

Ephesians 1:11



Romans 8:29

10. Even though God has chosen those who will believe in Him, what is the desire of God's heart according to **1 Timothy 2:4**?

11. What is the only thing we have to do to have assurance of our salvation according to **Romans 10:9**? Describe the peace that this brings to you.

DAY FOUR: PRAYER OF PROTECTION

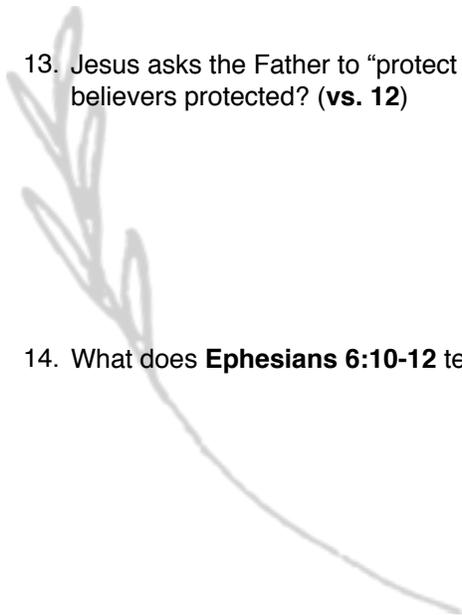
Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 17:12-19 today.

12. Why did the world hate Jesus' disciples? (**vs. 14**)

13. Jesus asks the Father to "protect them" from the world's hatred in **verse 15**. By what power are believers protected? (**vs. 12**)

14. What does **Ephesians 6:10-12** tell us about the battle we face as believers?



15. Ephesians 6 goes on to tell us to be sure to put on the full armor of God. What does **Ephesians 6:18** say is one of the believer's weapons and how are we to use it?

16. Jesus asks the Father to sanctify the believer in **John 17:17**. Sanctify means "to set apart for sacred use." How did Jesus say the disciples had to be sanctified? How can you restate this in your own words?

17. Jesus was "set apart" for us and we are "set apart" for Him. What is the purpose of sanctification according to **verse 18**?

18. What are we to do when we are sent out into the world according to **Matthew 28:18-20**?

DAY FIVE: PRAYER FOR UNITY

Begin today with prayer and meditate on the memory verse.

Read John 17:20-26 today

19. Who did Jesus pray for next? (**vs. 20**)

20. What was the content of His prayer for them? (**vs. 21**)



21. Think about this as you read **verses 22-23**. How does unity among believers spread the gospel?

22. What two things does Jesus pray would be revealed by the believers' unity? (**vs. 23**)

23. If Jesus and the Father are one and that union is to be reflected in believers, what does it say when there is a lack of unity among believers?

24. What role does prayer play in your daily life? How can the prayer of Jesus in John 17 help focus your prayer time?

25. As you review John Chapter 17, what have you studied this week that has made an impact on your life or encouraged spiritual growth?



TEACHING NOTES



Teacher: _____ Passage(s): _____

