

A Life of Prayer.

Week #10: Jesus at Prayer #3 - John17

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As we complete Lent, it's important that we study Jesus at prayer. How did He approach prayer? How did prayer inform His view of life and His world? What can we learn about prayer from the Master?

Study Questions: *What did Jesus pray about?*

1. Read John 17 again. Count how many "things" Jesus prays about. Pastor Ken talked about a few of them, but how many others are there? (hint: there are more than 8).
2. In John 17:20-26, Jesus is praying for you. Consider this for a moment, taking in the truth that your Saviour and Lord is lifting you up in prayer.
 - What is Jesus asking His Father for on your behalf, and why is it so important?
 - Read verses 22-23 again. How is Christ's prayer for you being answered? Is his prayer for love and unity something you need to direct more effort and attention to?
3. Read Philippians 4:4-7. Jesus' concerns the night prior to His crucifixion were for what He was facing and what His disciples and His Church needed. Taking His example to heart:
 - What are you facing? Take some time and bring what you face to God in prayer - in your Life Group and privately. Be confident that the Lord wants to relieve your anxious thoughts replace them with His assurance & care.
 - What are others around you facing? Bring these to God in prayer, too.
 - Finally, what is God's Church facing - locally, nationally, and internationally? Pray for Jesus' Church - for the gospel to be preached and lived, and for unity to be strong and impenetrable within all of God's people throughout the earth. To help in your praying, check the bulletin - each week you will find a new nation listed, and information on how to pray specifically for the Christians of that nation (this week it is the Kingdom of Jordan).
4. Commit this week to reading the first 17 chapters of John's gospel (2-3 chapters a day will get you this far). Do this to put you into the life of Jesus again prior to the Cross. Then, the following week (Passion Week), we will journey the rest of the way with Jesus through the glory He asks His Father for in John 17:1-5.