



SERMON NOTES:

1. Jesus' love sought the Father's glory (John 17:1-8).
 - a. Jesus' glory = the Father's glory.
 - b. Jesus' authority accomplished the Father's will.
 - c. Jesus made known the Father's name to those given to him.
2. Jesus' love sought the Father on behalf of his followers (John 17:9-23).
 - a. Jesus desires for his followers to be protected by his name.
 - b. Jesus desires for his followers to be unified in his name.
 - c. Jesus desires for his followers to be fulfilled in his joy.
 - d. Jesus desires for his followers to be set apart by his truth.
3. Jesus' love sought the Father for the world to know the truth (John 17:22-23).
 - a. Jesus desires for the world to know the truth that the Father sent him into the world.
 - b. Jesus desires for the world to know the truth that the Father loves those who follow Jesus.
 - c. Jesus desires for his followers' unity to be witnesses of these truths.
4. Jesus' love sought the Father anticipating the joy of eternity (John 17:24-26).
 - a. Jesus desires for his followers to share the fellowship with him and the Father!
 - b. Jesus desires his followers to see his glory!
 - c. Until that time comes, Jesus desires the Father's love to continue in his followers.

GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. Who do you seek during difficult times? What do you ask them for? As Jesus prayed to the Father the night that he was going to be betrayed, what are some things He was focused on in His prayer?
2. Read John 17:5. What are some things this verse tells us about Jesus?
3. Read John 17:6-18. Explain some differences between the followers of Jesus and those who are of the world? What was Jesus' greatest desire for the ones who followed Him? Was Jesus' desire for His followers to be physically separated from the world? Why or why not?
4. In John 17, who was Jesus praying for? What did Jesus desire for the world to know (John 17:23)?
5. Read John 17:24-26. What encouragement do you receive from these verses and how do these words motivate you to live differently?