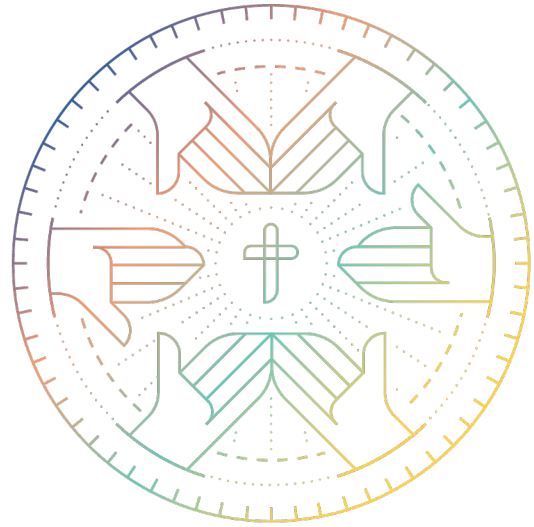


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SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Twenty-Four Hours: "Jesus is Praying for You"
Scripture Focus: John 17

INTRODUCTION

In John 17, we witness Jesus' prayer for His disciples—and for us. This prayer, known as the High Priestly Prayer, reveals the heart of Jesus as He intercedes on our behalf before His Father. Jesus, knowing the gravity of the moment, speaks powerful truths in this prayer, and through this, we can gain insight into His desires for us. As we explore this passage, we'll discover how Jesus' intercession shapes the way we live today.

What stood out to you from Pastor Jared's message?

ICEBREAKER

What's the most encouraging thing someone has ever prayed for you?
Have you ever had a time when you needed protection or guidance and felt God's presence?

INTO THE WORD: READ JOHN 17:1-26

Jesus Prays for Our Eternity (John 17:3):

Read John 17:3, Romans 6:23, Philippians 3:8-9. What does eternal life mean to you beyond just a future destination? How can we deepen our relationship with God today to experience the eternal life Jesus speaks of?

Jesus Prays for Our Security (John 17:15):

Read John 17:15, Luke 22:31-32, 1 John 5:18. How do you experience spiritual warfare or temptation in your life? How can we lean into God's protection and the truth of His Word to overcome the enemy's lies?

Jesus Prays for Our Maturity (John 17:16-17):

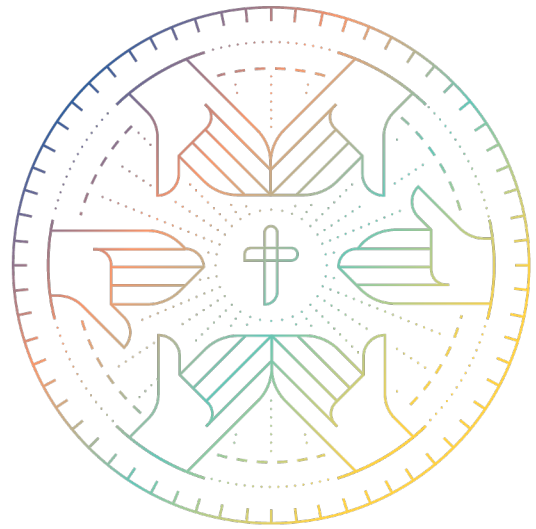
Read John 17:16-17, Romans 12:2, James 1:22. What does it mean to be "in the world but not of the world"? How do you maintain your spiritual maturity in a world that often conflicts with your faith?

Jesus Prays for Our Ministry (John 17:18):

Read John 17:18, Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20. How can we live out our calling to be on mission in the world, sharing God's love and truth? What opportunities do you have to engage the culture with the gospel?

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Jesus Prays for Our Unity (John 17:21):

Read John 17:21, Ephesians 4:2-3, 1 Corinthians 1:10. How can we maintain unity within the church, despite differences of opinion or background? What role does humility play in fostering unity?

Jesus Prays for Our Destiny (John 17:24):

Read John 17:24, Revelation 21:3-4, Romans 8:18. How does the hope of heaven and being with Jesus shape your perspective on life's struggles and challenges?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

How can you better recognize the enemy's lies and replace them with the truth of God's Word?

What is one specific area of your life where you need to be more "set apart" for God's purposes, rather than conforming to the world's patterns?

How does the hope of eternal life with Jesus give you strength in facing current challenges?

EMBRACE AND EMBODY

Each day, begin by inviting the Holy Spirit to guide you in deepening your relationship with God. Set aside time to reflect on Scripture, particularly John 17, allowing God's Word to sanctify you and renew your mind. As you face challenges, remember to rely on God's protection and truth, replacing the enemy's lies with His promises. Live intentionally on mission by looking for opportunities each day to share the love of Christ, whether through words or actions. In your relationships, strive for unity, bearing with one another in love and humility, as Jesus prayed for His followers to be united. Finally, let the hope of heaven shape your perspective on daily struggles, knowing that Jesus has prayed for your future with Him in glory. Embrace these truths daily, and embody them through your words, actions, and attitude, allowing them to transform your life and witness to others.

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for praying for us and interceding on our behalf. We are humbled by Your heart for our eternity, security, maturity, and mission. Help us to walk in the fullness of what You desire for us, relying on Your protection and living as lights in a dark world. May we be united in love and truth, and may we reflect Your glory to those around us. We look forward to the hope of heaven, where we will be with You in glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.