

# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

*JESUS PRAYS - JOHN 17 : 1-26*

## BIBLE STUDY



### STARTER:

If you were to take a guess at what Jesus would pray for just before his death, what would you say?

Today we are looking at John chapter 17 which gives us a unique insight into Jesus' prayer life at a time of great stress.



**READ THE CHAPTER. AS YOU READ, REFLECT:**

**How might our prayer life reflect the pattern we see modelled here:**

- **FIRSTLY** - Jesus asks for help to bring God glory
- **SECONDLY** - he moves to praying for his disciples
- **AND LASTLY** - he prays for all believers

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### Look at verses 2-4

- How would you describe 'eternal life' to an unbeliever?

- How does Jesus describe eternal life in verse 3?

- How do we attain eternal life?

*If needed, look at John 3 : 15-16, John 3 : 36 & John 10 : 28*

- In verses 6-11, Jesus is praying for his disciples.

*(Note: disciples are followers of Jesus (like us!) and here apostles are those that Jesus chose to send out with the good news of the gospel).*



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### Look at verses 11-12

- What is the overall prayer request in this part of Jesus' prayer?
- When might we see protection 'by the power of your name' (v.11) as we are living out our daily lives as believers?



### Look at verses 15-19

- What is the overall prayer request for in this part of Jesus' prayer (v.17; v.19) ?
- What do you think sanctification means for us today?

**Verse 17 teaches us that we are made holy (sanctified) through the Word of God.**

- Where else might we find 'sanctifying truth' as believers?  
*Look at John 14:6 and 1 John 5:6.*



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### Read verses 20-26

Jesus moves on to pray for all future believers – that includes you and me!

- **Look at verse 23.** What is his prayer request in this section?
- What is the root of our unity (**v.21**)? What is the purpose of our unity (**v.23**)?
- Why then do you think unity is often something that is missing in the church today?
- How does **Philippians 2:1-4** describe the unity that comes from being in Christ?



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## THINK & PRAY

**CONSIDERING WHAT  
WE HAVE LEARNED TODAY  
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- **What does it mean to have life in Jesus' name?**
- **What does a response to belief in Jesus look like?**

