

Week 14 - Jesus' School of Discipleship!

Jesus Prays for Us!

Jesus promised His disciples that they would not be alone, but that He would still be present through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is still present with us today, convincing us of three important things!

1 - The power of being prayed for...

Share an experience where someone prayed for you that had a particularly powerful impact - how does it encourage you when someone prays directly for you? In this group we'll consider how Jesus has prayed for us!

2 - Watch Pastor Scott's Video for Jesus' School of Discipleship - Week 14

3 - Scripture reading - John chapter 17: *Jesus our High Priest!*

Jesus prays for Himself:

- **Read John 17:1-5** - Jesus knows that in the next 24 hours He will be arrested, accused, beaten, and crucified. He recognizes that His time has come to fulfill His mission that the Father has sent Him accomplish, so He prays for Himself to complete the mission.
- *How does reading Jesus' prayer impact you? What does it teach us about how to pray that God would be glorified in our lives?*

Jesus prays for His disciples:

- **Read John 17:5-19** - Jesus prays for the disciples whom He has poured His life into over the previous 3 years, knowing that they now carry on the mission.
- *How do you think the disciples were feeling in hearing this prayer?*
- *The disciples now become Jesus' presence in the world as He prepares to ascend to the Father - this is their commissioning!*

Jesus prays for the Church - and for us!

- **Read John 17:20-26** - Jesus now prays for all who will receive the Gospel, including us! Notice what He prays for us...
- *Jesus does not pray for us to have an easy life, but rather that we would live in unity of heart and purpose! What does this prayer say to you about what Jesus feels is most important for His Church?*
- *Jesus wants us to experience the Father's love for us in the same way that He received God's love! What does this say to us about our value, identity, and significance?*

Pray together!

- **Pray for each other, and for the Holy Spirit to work in and through us!**



John's readers knew that the Temple had been destroyed and the priesthood disbanded by the Romans.

Now Jesus steps into the role of High Priest and prays for us, interceding with the Father!



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