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Part 2

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“Growing as His Disciples”

John 17:6-19

“He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”

Heb.7:25 ESV

Jesus Prayed for His Disciples to Grow in 3 Powerful Ways

1. Jesus prayed for growth in knowing to Whom they belonged.

“I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me. My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory.”

Jn.17:6-10 NLT

“Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.”

Jn.17:11-12 NLT

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.”

Lk.22:31-32 NLT

2. Jesus prayed for growth in their everyday behavior.

“Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.”

Jn.17:13-17 NLT

“So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment.”

1Pet.2:1-2 NLT

3. Jesus prayed for growth in their going as Kingdom builders.

“Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.”

Jn.17:18-19 NLT

“He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

Matt.9:37-38 NLT

DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE _____ Apr.14-19, 2025

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps through the day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Pray for God’s guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

Day 1: READ John 17:6-10 focusing on Jesus Praying for Belonging.

How would you explain what Jesus was praying for His disciples at this point? What did Jesus say His disciples knew about Him at this point and does that make sense to you knowing what happens? What does it mean that His disciples belong to God the Father and how does this connect with you? How does a sense of belonging help people – these disciples and you? Pray

Day 2: READ John 17:11-12 focusing on Jesus Praying for Protection.

What is the main way Jesus’ disciples are protected according to Jesus’ prayer? What does it mean to be protected by the “power of Your name?”

What do you think it means that Jesus guarded them all except the one headed for destruction? How aware are you of the protection of Jesus over your life – explain? Pray for spiritual protection from the enemy through Jesus.

Day 3: READ John 17:13-17 focusing on Jesus Praying for Growth.

Where does joy fit into this prayer request by Jesus for His disciples and how might this work in their lives? How important is the Word according to Jesus here and what is He praying for them & the Word? How is God's Word sanctifying you currently (growing you) and what's your routine for this? Pray 1Pet.2:1-3 for your day today.

Day 4: READ John 17:18-19 focusing on Jesus Praying for Builders.

Jesus prayed that these disciples would be sent "just as" He was sent by God – what does that mean and look like for them? What is Jesus' goal from vs.19? What would you say is the connection to being sent into the world and being made holy by God's truth (Word)? Compare this with Matt.9:36-38. What is Jesus praying for and challenging us to do? Pray and be sent.

Day 5: READ Jn.17:20-26 focusing on Jesus' Prayer for His Church – That's US! What is Jesus' prayer for His Church – that's us? How is Jesus' prayer for our "perfect unity" being answered right now? How crucial is our unity for the impact of the gospel to the world – explain? What is Jesus' main prayer for you today? Pray and say, "Yes, Lord."

