



The Gospel of John Study

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Week 12

Day 1:

John 17:6-19

- ❖ Note: This chapter is known as the high priestly prayer. This prayer is split into three sections (Jesus' prayer for Himself, His prayer for His current disciples, and His prayer for future believers). Today's passage is the portion where He prayed for the twelve disciples. Although written for the twelve, we can also apply the principles of Jesus' prayer to our lives because anyone who is in Christ is His disciple as well (John 15:7-9).
- 1. In this passage, how does Jesus define what a disciple is?
 - a. Do you believe that Jesus was sent from the Father?
 - i. If you're not sure, what are the reservations you have about this truth?
 - b. What does it mean to "keep" the Word of God?
 - c. Do you trust the Bible, which is the Word of God?
- 2. Jesus prayed a lot for God to keep His disciples. What were the dangers that the disciples would face according to Jesus? How would those dangers cause them to doubt their faith?
 - a. Have you faced opposition from the "world" that has caused you to doubt your faith?
 - b. Have you experienced temptation from the "evil one", Satan? What did that look like in your life?
- 3. Jesus' answer to keeping His disciples from temptation is ¹sanctification in the word. Why do you think Jesus puts that much importance on God's Word?

¹ Sanctification

The generic meaning of sanctification is "the state of proper functioning." To sanctify someone or something is to set that person or thing apart for the use intended by its designer. A pen is "sanctified" when used to write. Eyeglasses are "sanctified" when used to improve sight. In the theological sense, things are sanctified when they are used for the purpose God intends. A human being is sanctified, therefore, when he or she lives according to God's design and purpose.

(<http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/sanctification/>)



Day 2:

John 17:20-26

- ⊗ In today's passage, Jesus prays for His future disciples. How does knowing that over 2,000 years ago Jesus prayed for you increase your love for Jesus?
- ♥ Why is it important for us to be "one" with other believers?
- ♥ Do you genuinely love the people in your church? Have you committed to the community of believers in your church?
 - If not, what are some next steps you can take?
- ⇒ How can you begin to show the love you have received from Christ to those in your world?

Day 3:

John 18:1-11

1. Why do you think the soldiers fell back when Jesus said "I am He?"
2. Why does Jesus hand himself over? Why doesn't Jesus put up a fight?
3. What is the cup that Jesus refers to in the last verse? What does this cup represent?
- ⊗ After reading this passage, how important are you to God?
 - How do you respond to God after reading this?
 - How does it motivate you to live?

Day 4:

John 18:12-18

1. Why do you think the Jewish leaders were in such a hurry to expedite the trial of Jesus?
 - a. What threat did Jesus pose to the Jewish people?
2. Put yourself in Peter's shoes. Why do you think he denied being a disciple of Jesus?
 - a. Why was Peter's faith shaken in that moment?
 - b. Have you experienced times when your faith has been shaken? Why was it shaken?
 - c. What can we cling to when our faith is shaken, even when we can't clearly see God at work?



Day 5:

John 18:19-27

1. Why did the officers and the high priest get so angry with Jesus?
 - a. What were they trying to prove that Jesus had done?
2. If they could prove Jesus was a criminal, then they could find themselves righteous. However, since Jesus was innocent, then that meant they were sinful. Why didn't this lead to the Jews repenting and believing in Jesus?
3. Have you ever chosen your own sin and pride over following God? Why do we fight so hard to keep our sin sometimes?
 - a. What in your past (or present) has your sin lead you to? Do you regret not repenting and following Christ sooner?
 - b. What are some habits you can put in place today that will help you to be more honest with yourself about your sin and repent immediately?

Day 6:

John 18:28-32

1. How much time had passed from the arrest of Jesus to Jesus standing before Pontius Pilate?
2. Why did the Jews bring Him before Pilate?
 - a. What was Pilate's response to the Jews regarding Jesus?
 - b. Did Pontius Pilate think Jesus was a criminal?
3. Did the Jews have a clear case against Jesus? How did they answer Pilate when he asked them of Jesus' crimes?
4. When we are trying to serve our own sinful desires instead of God, are there any lengths that we won't go to in order to get what we want?
 - a. When you are seeking to serve yourself, do you care how that sin impacts those around you? How have you hurt the people in your life because of your sin?
 - b. When we are seeking to honor God, it leads to us loving those around us. How are you seeking to show love to those in your world now?