

HEARING JESUS' HEART FOR YOU

THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

Praying for Oneness

Discussion Questions

Date: October 18, 2020 | **Scripture:** John 17:20-26

1. Read John 17:20-26. What stands out to you?
2. Jesus persisted in his prayer, asking God the Father three times that his people would be one. In your prayer life, is there something that you repeatedly ask for?
3. We can have confidence that we have oneness with the apostolic church because of our belief in Jesus through his Word. It has been said, "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity" – what are some areas where you can fall into exalting things other than the essentials to first importance?
4. Jesus made it clear that our oneness finds its origin and source in the Trinity. Why is this important and what implications does it have for the nature of our oneness as the church body?
5. How are you actively pursuing this unity in diversity in your life? And in contrast, in what areas of life do you gravitate towards easy and familiar relationships? Networking for work? Political tribe? Culturally familiar worship? Another example not mentioned?
6. How is Peter's story of elevating something other than the gospel to something of first importance encouraging for us?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures (choose just one each day!):

- Exodus 3:1-6
- Deuteronomy 7:6-11
- Isaiah 6:1-7
- Ephesians 1
- 1 Peter 1
- Revelation 4-5

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Inward Grace in Action

7. Is there somewhere God is prompting you to forego your own personal preferences and comfort for the sake of displaying a beautiful community?