

## Hearing Jesus' Heart For You

## Discussion Questions

Date: November 1, 2020 | Scripture: <u>John 17:20-26</u>

- 1. Read John 17:20-26. With the theme of oneness in mind, what stands out to you?
- 2. Politics is a necessary reality of the world we live in. Elections are important and good things. And yet, it is exactly these politics and elections that can most deeply challenge the unity of the Church. Do you sense idolatry (a good thing becoming ultimate) here? Where? Be specific.
- 3. Matthew the tax collector and Simon the Zealot were two of Jesus' disciples. Using your sanctified imagination, what do you think their relationship was like? Discuss as a group what their conversation and life together might have looked like.
- 4. We say Grace Changes Everything. Specifically, where might grace change us this week in the context of the election?
- 5. The sermon challenged us to pray like it makes a difference. As a group, share prayer requests in light of the election this week. Think personally, locally, communally, and nationally. Consider our church family. Once you've made a list together, spend time bringing these requests before the Father.

## Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner.

- Where have you been particularly idolatrous when it comes to politics? Have you overestimated the importance of politics? Underestimated it? Share specific examples.
- 2. Think through a Grace in Politics action plan just for this week. Who are people in your life who are most concerned about the election? How might you be a witness to them so that they might see Jesus? How will you commit to pray this week?

## 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 5
  - Psalm 10
- Psalm 133
- Micah 6-7
- Romans 12-13
- Philippians 2

Listen to the Hearing Jesus' Heart for You worship playlist on Spotify.

Reach out if you need assistance during this time:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

You can also find additional resources on our <u>website</u>.