

Small Group Bible Study Questions

Week of August 16, 2009

“Living It Out”

John 17:20-26

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1) I am prayed for...(John 17:20)

Read (Luke 3:21, Luke 9:28-35, John 11:41+42) What happens when Jesus prays? What should you expect to happen when you pray? When has waiting for a “voice from heaven” hampered your spiritual life? Share a time in your life when you could say “Father, I thank you that you have heard me”. Jesus’ intercession for us is not begging God to do something contrary to His will but rather a conversation between the Godhead confirming what they have desired from before the creation of the world.

2) I am predestined ...(John 17:21-22)

God’s desire was to choose to save a people who would be the exhibit of His son’s glory for all eternity. (Read Eph. 1:3-11) God is not forced to act by anything external to Himself. He works ALL things according to the council of His will. The council of His will is what the Father, Son and Spirit in perfect oneness determined to do before time began. Awesome, how do you know God’s will? What do you do to keep your behavior consistent with God’s will? In verse 21 what does our oneness demonstrate? What does your behavior toward other believers demonstrate? What is the source of our oneness? What might be true if we have no desire for oneness?

3) I am loved...(John 17: 23)

In verse 23 what will our oneness demonstrate to the world? What does it mean for the Father to love us just like He loved the son? Identify a time in your life when someone continued to love you when you didn’t deserve it. What would our church be like if you consistently chose to love people who don’t deserve it? What would your life be like if you loved Jesus enough to love the people He loves? What’s stopping you?

4) I am invited...(John 17:24-25)

Where is Jesus going? (See John 17:5) What similarities do you see between verses 5 and 24? What will we experience in His presence? Jesus isn’t satisfied with just having his glory restored but desires to have us share in that glory. In your life what are you doing to glorify Jesus? How many more opportunities to glorify God are we promised?

5) I am called...(John 17: 26)

How is Jesus continuing to make the Father’s name known? In verse 26 what is the end result? How is Jesus accomplishing this through us? It is important to remember those God has called must respond. They can’t respond until we share a gospel that demands a response. As you share your faith what essentials must you include to insure the gospel you share is indeed the Gospel of Jesus?