

“You’re Living on His Prayer”

John 17

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Sermon Series: “Prayers of the Bible and How They Shape Our Lives”

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THE BIG IDEA

Before his crucifixion, Jesus prayed for his disciples and those who would one day commit their lives to him. To borrow Jon Bon Jovi’s famous song title, we are given the opportunity to “live on” Jesus’ prayer. Jesus prayed for our joy, unity, holiness (moral beauty), and sense of mission. He prayed for a movement of his Spirit in your life, calling us to go deeper in these four areas. We are invited to “sing,” with him and join his restoration movement of joy, unity, moral beauty, and call to mission.

GETTING STARTED

1. Share about a fun concert you attended and why you enjoyed it so much.

LEARNING & LIVING OUT SCRIPTURE

Together, read John 17: 1-20. (Feel free to read the whole prayer if you’d like, but we’ll focus on verses 1-20.)

2. Why is it meaningful that Jesus prayed for you?
3. What’s important about what Jesus prayed for? What do you see beyond the four main themes Henry discussed?
 - a. Where else do we read about joy, unity, holiness (moral beauty), and mission in the New Testament?
4. How might Jesus’ knowledge of what would happen the next day – his death by crucifixion – have impacted this prayer?
5. Jesus is one of the three members of our triune God, who is eternal. Why is this significant when reading verses 1-5?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

6. Jesus prayed for joy, unity, holiness (moral beauty), and sense of mission. Which of these prayers do you learn most from today? Which of these prayers do you need most in your life right now?

THE “EXTRA-MILE”

7. Study this prayer every day this week. Let it impact your view of Christ and what he desires for your life.

SHARING & PRAYER REQUESTS

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

"We can make a choice and be a spiritual contributor or a spiritual consumer. Which are you?"
Craig Groeschel

"Joy is the serious business of heaven." CS Lewis

"Many Christians know enough about Christianity to be miserable but not enough to have fullness of joy." Tony Campolo