

Home Group Questions - February 3, 2019

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1. Do you have anything on your “bucket list” of things you want to do before you die?
2. Have you ever spent time with someone who knew that the end of their life was coming soon? (In the hospital, hospice care, etc.) What kinds of things did you talk about? What kinds of things were on their mind?
3. Read John Chapter 17 with your group
4. This chapter comes right before Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested in Chapter 18. So Jesus knows that within hours, he will be led to a painful death. And he decides to spend his last hours in prayer. Since these are the very last things Jesus decided to pray about, they give us a glimpse into Jesus’ mind, and show us the things that were truly important and valuable to him.
 - What does Jesus pray about in this chapter?
 - What do we learn about Jesus through these verses?
 - What do we learn about the Church and God’s kingdom through this chapter?
5. What does this passage show us about the kind of relationship that Jesus had with the Father? How can it shape the way we view the Father and our relationship with Him?
6. Verses 20-23 are of particular interest to our New Heights family right now. Jesus prays that all believers would be “brought to complete unity” so that “the world will know that you sent me and have loved them”.
 - What do you picture in your head when you picture the Church being in “complete unity”?
 - How does God’s people being unified help show the world the love of God?
7. Pray a similar prayer with your group:
 1. Pray that God would be glorified through our lives and through our church
 2. Pray that God would protect us and protect his church from evil
 3. Pray that we (as a group and as a church) would be unified and that we would shine God’s light into the world through our unity