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Jesus Prays for Disciples

John 17:9-19

The next section of Jesus' prayer focuses on His disciples. When Jesus leaves the disciples, they will need strength to continue the mission. In these last moments with them, Jesus voices four specific prayers for them. The prayers focus on the disciple's interaction with each other and the world.

Additional Verses:

Luke 22:31, 23:34

1 Peter 5:8

Ephesians 6:12

Outline:

1. Jesus wants His disciples to be unified.
2. Jesus wants His disciples to be distinct.
3. Jesus wants His disciples to be protected.
4. Jesus wants His disciples to be sanctified.

Study Questions:

1. Why does Jesus pray for the disciples and not the world? How does John's gospel demonstrate God's love for the world?
2. Why is unity among believers crucial to the mission of the church?
3. How are believers to be distinct from the world? Why is it important to maintain this distinction?
4. Why does Jesus pray for protection for believers? What is our job in staying away from evil?
5. How is God sanctifying you? What is the hardest part of the sanctification process?
6. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?