

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, June 20, 2004

Passage: John 17:20-26

Memory Passage: Colossians 1:28

TODAY: *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read John 17:1-5. What was the reason for Jesus' prayer? What was His ultimate purpose? (b) How had He accomplished that purpose? How would that purpose be accomplished through His disciples (vs. 3)? (c) How had Jesus prepared his disciples for this task (17:6-8; 14-17)? (d) How does the focus of his prayer change in verse 20? When did Jesus pray for you? What does this tell you about his *particular love* for you? (e) How does he say they will come to believe? What had Jesus told them about this in John 15:26-27? (f) Ask the Lord to examine your love of other believers. Are there areas where you are not properly discerning the Body of Christ? Ask for forgiveness and for a new heart in those areas.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read John 17:20-26. Note how many times you find the word "one" in this passage. How important is the oneness of Christians to the message of the gospel? (b) Why do you think this was a major focus of Jesus' prayer? What are some practical ways this can be demonstrated to the world? (c) How much does the Father love you (John 17:23, 28)? Why does the Father love you (also see Ephesians 1:4-6)? (d) Read through John 17 again. Make a list of the ways believers relate to the world in this chapter. What is to be our relationship to the world according to verse 23? (e) Pray Ephesians 3:14-21 for yourself and for your fellow believers today. Especially ask that you might grasp the depth of *His love* for you (and for others).

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read John 17:22-23. How can the world know the reality of Jesus? Also see 1 John 4:11-12. (b) Look carefully at John 17:22. What is the connection between his glory and our unity? How is he glorified today? (c) What lesson was Jesus teaching the disciples by washing their feet in John 13? Read Romans 13:10-13. What are some ways we can display our love for one another? (d) How does Paul tell us to treat other believers in Galatians 5:13 and 6:10? Are you taking *every opportunity* to do so? (e) How is this love maintained (Romans 14:19; 15:5; 15:7; 1 Peter 3:8; 4:9)? (f) Ask the Lord to show you one way that you can display Christ's love to someone in the Body today.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read John 17:20, 24. How is His glory revealed now (John 17:10)? (b) What happens when His glory is revealed (John 2:11; 12:27-32)? (c) How did Jesus say the Father would be glorified in John 15:8? What might he be referring to? (d) What is one way His glory is revealed to us now according to John 16:13-15? How can we demonstrate our love for each other with the Word (Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 10:24-25)? How can we do this practically? (e) How did Jesus say the Father would be glorified in John 14:13-14? What is another way we can reveal the Father's glory? (f) Ask the Lord to give you a love for other believers that is evident even to non-believers.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) Read John 17:26. Compare how Jesus ends his private time with his disciples with how he began it (John 13:1). What does this tell you about Jesus' concern for his followers? (b) Read Ephesians 5:1-2. What should characterize the lives of believers? What should motivate that kind of life? (c) What does Jesus say about "greater love" in John 15:12-13? How is it evidenced? (d) Is this the kind of love he was speaking about in John 13:34-35? Consider 1 John 3:16. What kind of love are we to have for each other? (e) Do you think we sometimes are willing to *die* for others but won't *live* for them? Discuss this. (f) Pray that you can *die to self* that the *life of Christ might be manifested in you* (2 Corinthians 4:11).

What have you learned about the way we make Christ visible to the world?

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Making the Invisible Christ Visible

“...that they may be one in Us, that the world may know that you have sent Me.”