The Good News that John Wrote

...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

John 20.31

Life in the Spirit

Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

John 17.9-19

Outline of John 13-17

- 1. The Last Discourse (13.1-17.26)
 - 1. Making God Known (13.1-38)
 - 2. Departure (14.1-31)
 - 3. To Abide, to Love, and to Be Hated (15.1-16.3)
 - 4. Departure (16.4-33)
 - 5. Making God Known: Jesus' Final Prayer (17.1-26)

Outline of John 17

- Jesus prays for His glorification (vv. 1-8)
- 2. Jesus prays for His disciples (vv.9-19)
- 3. Jesus prays for those who will believe in Him through the testimony of the disciples (vv. 20-26)

Outline of John 17.9-19

- 1. Jesus prays for the disciples in the world (vv. 9-11a)
- 2. that the holy Father be 'father' to the vulnerable disciples (vv. 11b-16)
- 3. and that the holy Father make the disciples holy (vv. 17-19).

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those you gave me, for they belong to you.

All I have is yours, and all you have is mine; and my glory is shown through them.

And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one.

While I was with them, I kept them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me. I protected them, and not one of them was lost, except the man who was bound to be lost—so that the scripture might come true.

And now I am coming to you, and I say these things in the world so that they might have my joy in their hearts in all its fullness.

I gave them your message, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

John 17.15-16

I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but I do ask you to keep them safe from the Evil One. Just as I do not belong to the world, they do not belong to the world.

Dedicate them to yourself by means of the truth; your word is truth.

I sent them into the world, just as you sent me into the world.

And for their sake I dedicate myself to you, in order that they, too, may be truly dedicated to you.

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Questions? Comments?