

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

The Gospel of John

John 17:20–26

1. Jesus has prayed for himself and his disciples. Who does he now expand the focus of his prayer to include? (v. 20)
2. What is the message that the disciples will bring to the world (v. 20)? (v. 23; Jn. 3:16; 5:24; 14:6–7; 1 Jn. 1:1–5)
3. Think about the unbroken chain of believers that has gone before you. How do you respond to the fact that you are included in this prayer?
4. What does Jesus ask the Father for on behalf of all believers in verse 21?
5. What does the unity that comes from believing in Jesus reflect? (vv. 21a, 22b)
6. This unity of believers is meant to be visible. What should it reveal to the world? (vv. 21c, 23b)
7. What does Jesus say he has given us in verse 22?

What is the result of that gift? (v. 22)

8. In John, what is Jesus' glory frequently connected to? (Jn. 12:23–24, 32-33; 17:4)
9. As we walk in the footsteps of the suffering servant we reflect his glory. How does laying down our lives for others result in unity?
10. Jesus, who was loved by the Father before the creation of the world, says that the Father loves us with the same love (vv. 23–24).
 - a. How does this love transform you?
 - b. How does this love transform us as a community of believers, especially in the midst of our individualistic society?
11. What does it mean for Christ to be “in” us (vv. 23, 26)? (Jn. 14:16–20; Eph. 2:22)
12. What are the desires that Jesus expresses to the Father in verse 24?
13. Why was Jesus able to make the Father known? (v. 25; Jn. 1:18; 14:9; Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3)
14. Read Colossians 3:12–17 to see how Paul describes the unity that Jesus prays for. How does this passage challenge you to grow in unity so that the world will believe in Jesus?