

**"Someone is Praying for You!"**  
(John 17)

Christ's prayer to the Father in John 17 may well be the greatest prayer ever prayed on earth! Shortly before He went to the cross, He prayed for His disciples & all future disciples, for our...

**I. Security (11-15)**

- (11a) Secure because of God's **GREATNESS**

*"...Father, keep through THINE OWN NAME..."*

- (11b) Secure because of God's **GIFT**

*"...those whom thou hast given me..."*

- (11c) Secure because of God's **GOAL**

*"...that they may be one as we are one..."*

**II. Sanctification (16-19)**

- (17) The **AGENT** of your sanctification

*"Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth."*

- (18) The **ARENA** of your sanctification

*"As thou hast sent me into the world,...I sent them into the world."*

- (19) The **ADVOCATE** of your sanctification

*"...I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified thru the truth."*

**III. Solidarity (vv.20-24)**

- (21) The **MODEL** of solidarity

*"...as thou Father, art in me, and I in the..."*

- (22-23a) The **MEANS** of solidarity

*"...the glory which thou gavest me I have given them..."*

*...I in them and thou in me..." (22-23a)*

- (21b, 23b) The **MISSION** of solidarity

*"...that the world may believe/know that thou hast sent me." (23b)*

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

1. **Notice in John 17:11-12** we are referred to as "those whom God the Father has given to Christ" in both of these verses. (See also vv.2, 6, 9, 24 for the same phrase). What kind of lives should we live when we realize that we are God's gift to Christ?
2. **Read and discuss John 17:14-18**  
Why does Jesus pray that we remain in the world? What can we do to protect ourselves from being overcome by evil or the the "evil one"? (Consider Jn. 17:17) What does a believer look like who is "in the world, but not of the world"?
3. **Read and discuss John 17:19**  
What does this verse mean in your own words? What difference should the truth of this verse make in our lives?
4. **Read and discuss John 17:20-24**  
Notice how fervently Jesus prays for our unity in vv.21-23 (see v.11). Why is this so important to Jesus? What are some "keys" for keeping unity in a church? What are some specific things you can do to promote true unity within our church family at Cornerstone?

**Digging Deeper:**

Pray this week like Jesus prays by praying for your family and church family by name. Pray that each one will (1) Know & live their **SECURITY** in Christ; (2) Know that they are "**SET APART**" & live a holy life, and (3) Pursue **UNTY** in their family and church family.

**For Next Sunday (Mothers' Day!):**

Read the story of Hannah in 1 Sam.1:1-28 and jot down some reasons that her prayer life was effective. If time permits, consider also her great prayer recorded in 1 Samuel 2.