

TALK IT OVER

Pray or Be Prey: The War for Peace

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Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group or use one of these.

Think about a time when you were under a lot of pressure. What helped you stay calm and focused instead of becoming overwhelmed?

Please read **John 17:1-5** aloud.

- Jesus speaks of glorifying the Father and being glorified. How does that change how we understand God's glory and our role in it?

Please read **Romans 5:1-4** aloud.

- In what ways can we connect our peace with God to faith, to knowing God, and to the hope we have in Christ?

Please read **Ephesians 6:10-13** aloud.

- How does Jesus' prayer in John 17 give us confidence and power as we face spiritual opposition today?

Please read **John 17:13** aloud.

- Jesus is praying directly that His disciples would be filled with His joy. By extension - disciples would mean all believers - [you]. How does it feel to realize Jesus was praying for you to have full joy even before you were here on earth?

Please read **John 17:18-26** aloud.

- How does being sent by Jesus change the way we see our daily lives and mission?

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Start Praying: Be bold and pray with power.

Father, thank You for the power of Jesus' prayer. In His relationship with You, we see perfect peace, unshakable power, and a purpose for the world. We are reminded that we are here for the purpose to glorify you; let Jesus' glorification of You, Father, be our example. Lord, help us to live today with the assurance that we are Yours, sent by You, and filled with Your joy. Guide us, Abba, to walk in Your truth, to trust in Your strength, and to reflect Your love wherever You place us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Leader: Make time to pray for and with each other. Break into groups of three, take time for healing prayer, or pray with individuals requesting prayer. This is important!

Start Doing:

This week, read **John chapter 17**. Ask yourself the following three questions each day:

1. Am I living in peace that comes from knowing the Father?
2. Am I relying on God's Word and prayer for power in the spiritual warfare I face?
3. Am I intentionally living on mission by pointing someone toward Christ?