

What Jesus Wants
Small Group Questions
Week of October 25

Icebreaker: When you leave town and someone is taking care of your house, pets, or kids, what's one oddly specific instruction you feel compelled to leave behind? Or, what's the funniest instruction someone has ever left for you?

Discussion Questions:

1. Listening to Jesus Pray: In the sermon, we were asked to imagine hearing Jesus pray for us. Before studying John 17, what might you have expected Jesus to pray for you?

    What surprised you about what He actually prayed?

2. Know God (John 17:3): Jesus defines eternal life as knowing God and Jesus Christ, whom He sent. What's the difference between knowing about Jesus and actually knowing Him?

    What helps you cultivate that relationship in your everyday life?

3. Be Kept (John 17:11–19): Jesus doesn't pray that His followers will be removed from the world's troubles, but that the Father will protect and sanctify them. How does this challenge the way we typically pray about difficult circumstances?

    What might it look like to trust God to keep us through something rather than simply asking Him to remove it?

4. Be One (John 17:20–23): Jesus prays that His followers will be one so that the world may believe in Him. Why do you think our unity matters so much to Jesus?

    What are some practical ways we can demonstrate unity even when we disagree or have significant differences?

5. Be With Him (John 17:24): Jesus says, "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am." What stands out to you about Jesus expressing His desire to have us with Him?

    How might knowing that Jesus wants you change the way you relate to Him?

6. Living Like Someone Jesus Has Prayed For: The sermon ended with the invitation: "Live like someone Jesus has prayed for." What does that mean to you personally?

    Of the four things we explored—knowing God, being kept, being one, and being with Jesus—which speaks most directly to your life right now, and why?