

1. Think back to a critical point in your life. How did it affect your prayer life? What kinds of things did you pray about during that season?
2. Read John 17:1–8. How does Jesus pray for his own glory? What does this have to do with the glory of the Father? How do the disciples factor into Jesus' glory?
3. Read John 17:9–10. Why does Jesus make the point to distinguish the disciples from the rest of the world? How does the world today tend to blur this distinction?
4. Read John 17:10–19. What are some of the subjects that Jesus covers in his prayer for the disciples? Why is their unity so critical? What does it mean to be "in the world but not of the world"? Why is it critical for the mission of the disciples that they are sanctified in truth?
5. Read John 17:20–23. How does Jesus pray for the world? What is the key to the world having unity in Christ?
6. Read John 17:24–26. How does Jesus pray for the church? What does it mean for the love that the Father and Son have shared together to be in the church? Why is it significant that the church is indwelt by Jesus?
7. Which of these prayers of Jesus hits closest to home for you today? How does knowing that Jesus prayed this encourage you? How does it encourage you to pray for others in the church or those you know in the world? Take a few moments right now to bring those prayers to God.