

Holy (11/10/24)

Discussion Questions

Summary: In this part of John 17 we see three petitions of the Lord Jesus we can not only join Him in praying but we can actively pursue their fulfillment. 1) Lord, protect us in your Name; 2) Lord, sanctify us in your truth and; 3) Lord, empower us with your Spirit. Let's call on the Lord and seek His blessing together!

Three petitions of Jesus to prayerfully pursue:

- Lord, Protect us in your Name (v. 12)
 - Our shelter from Judgment through saving faith (Rom. 8:1; Acts 4:12)
 - Our shield from spiritual attack through believing Prayer (v. 15; Eph. 6:16-18)
- Lord, Sanctify us in your Truth (v. 17)
 - Our light of Joy through the Word of God (v. 13-16)
 - Our life of Love through the sacrifice of Jesus (v. 19)
- Lord, Empower us through your Spirit (v. 18)
 - Our Tutor to Explain Jesus' teachings to us (John 14:26; 16:13)
 - Our Helper as we finish the work for which you Sent us into the world (Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 2:10; Titus 2:13-14)

Get Started:

1. How did you and your family process the election and its results? Was it stressful?
2. What has this election cycle shown you about the Christian's relationship to culture? Three common postures are to withdraw, to assimilate or to attack. What is right and wrong about each of those?

Dig Deeper:

3. Read John 17:11-19. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. What does it mean for us to be "in the world" but also protected "in the name" of Jesus?
5. How does this reality inevitably create tension for followers of Jesus?
6. What do Jesus' prayer requests tell us about His desires for us?
7. How does a strong central identity in Christ protect us from compromise in the world and conflict within the church?

Move Forward:

8. How do you feel attacked right now? How do you need protection in Christ?
9. How is the Lord speaking to you through His Word recently? How are you trying to grow in holiness?
10. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to love and serve others? What opportunities is the Lord providing for you?
11. Let's use the Lord's petitions as a guide to our prayers for one another!