

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

John 17:1–19

DISCUSSION 1: Our High Priest

1. What strikes you most about the prayer of Jesus?
2. What are some of the specific things you notice Jesus praying for in verses 1–16?
3. What elements of this prayer does Jesus alone accomplish? What elements do we as his followers reflect or live out as well?

DISCUSSION 2: Knowing God

1. Read 17:3. What are aspects of knowing the true God? How does that connect with experiencing “life” (17:3)?
2. In a given week, what gets in the way of knowing and experiencing God? What are one or two things you could do this week to pursue knowing God more intimately?
3. What does it mean to be kept from the evil one (17:15)? What are ways God has equipped us to remain in Christ (17:11) and not be snatched away by the evil one (17:15)?
4. Read 17:17. What does Jesus mean when he prays for us to be sanctified in truth? Why is that important? How can you better seek to be sanctified in truth this week?

DISCUSSION 3: Sent

1. How does Jesus model evangelism (and missionary efforts) in John 17?
2. Explain how the following elements from Jesus’ prayer relate to evangelism: words (the message), prayer, presence or incarnation, and being sent out.
3. What are reasons Jesus leaves us “in the world” (17:11; 17:15–19)?
4. How can we be in the world but not of the world for the sake of reaching the world?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. What’s encouraging about knowing that Jesus prays for us as his people?
2. If Jesus leaves us in the world to share him with others, how can we better do this?
3. God’s Word is truth that helps us grow and mature in faith (17:17). How can you better know God and grow in Him through His Word?