

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

John 17:20-26

Ice Breaker: Share an evidence of God's grace you've seen or experienced this week.

Ice Breaker: As Thanksgiving approaches, what is your favorite part of the Thanksgiving meal?

DISCUSSION: Jesus Prays for Us

1. In verse 20, Jesus turns his prayer towards us (those who will believe because of the testimony of the apostles). Discuss what the King of the Universe prays for us and briefly reflect on their significance.
2. In John 17:21, what (in part) makes the gospel of Jesus believable to watching world?
3. Why is a Christ-centered unity compelling in our world? What are the elements of Christ-centered unity? Does unity mean we all look alike? Why or why not?
4. What are ways unity and oneness in the church are attacked, both in larger degrees and in particular churches? What are potential sources of division in our church?
5. What are practical ways we can pursue unity, oneness, and love in our church?
6. Why is Jesus worthy of the glory he wants to show us in vs. 24? Why is no one worthy of glory like Jesus? In what ways do we steal Jesus' glory on earth?
7. Lastly, Jesus prays that the love of the Father would be in us. What is one tangible way we can show that the love of Christ is present with us?
8. Pray together as a group for the same things Jesus prays for us two thousand years ago.

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. How do we pursue oneness and unity among other believers even if we don't always agree?
2. What does it mean that we are set apart to God?