

PRAYING POWERFUL PRAYERS “THE PRAYER OF JESUS”

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 17

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INTRODUCTION

- Starting a new series on three powerful prayers.
- Jesus' prayer is found in John 17 = the Lord's Prayer
- Why do we pray for others? Because Jesus first prayed for us!
- John 16:31-33, "...³³ I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

I. HOW TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF

- Jesus' Intercession is the longest prayer in Bible.
- There are three parts:
 - Vs. 1-5 - Prays for Himself.
 - Vs. 6-19 - Prays for the disciples.
 - Vs. 20-26 - Prays for us! His church.
- John 17:1-3 MSG, Jesus said these things...: "Father, it's time. Display the bright splendor of your Son so the Son in turn may show your bright splendor. You put Him in charge of everything human, So He might give real and eternal life to all in His charge. And this is the real and eternal life: That they know you, The one and only true God, And Jesus Christ, whom you sent."
- Should we pray for direction?
- Jesus never prays lead me or guide me. It doesn't mean we can't, but He doesn't.

- We should pray that we bring glory to God, by doing what He's asked of us – Vs. 4

II. HOW TO PRAY FOR OTHERS

- First rule of prayer: You have to ask. Ask for them – Vs. 9
- We should pray for others to be kept by Jesus - Vs. 10-11
- We should pray for others to stay in community.
- We should pray for other's protection.
 - Protection from:
 - The World - Our calling in this life is not to be isolated from the world, but insulated from it.
 - The Evil one – Pray for protection from the enemy.
- We should pray for others to be made holy.
- We should pray for others to learn to serve.

III. Be One

- John 17:20-26, "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me...²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one...²² "I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one... May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me."
- That they will all be one = Unity
- Unity isn't uniformity.
- Unity is never style, but always found in the heart.
 - The byproduct of our unity is His Glory!

CLOSE

- Acts 2:42, "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer."