

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: BELIEVE

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Message: The True Lord's Prayer

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Memory Verse: John 13:34-35 NIV

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word and lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: Our supernatural unity as believers proves to the world that Jesus is real/legitimate.

Read John 17:1-26

1. Living for God's glory means reflecting His character and purpose in all we do. Jesus sets the example by seeking the Father's glory above His own, even as He prepares for the cross (vv 1-5). What do you notice about Jesus' heart and priorities in this prayer? How does He model a life centered on glorifying God? In what areas of your life do you most feel the tension between seeking God's glory and seeking your own success, recognition, or comfort?
2. Jesus prays for His disciples to be kept safe in God's name, signifying divine protection and unity as they face challenges (v 11). This promise remains vital for believers navigating trials today. When have you felt God's protection during a difficult moment, whether through peace, provision, or guidance? How can trusting in God's protective name strengthen your faith when confronting fears or opposition in your life?
3. Jesus acknowledges that His disciples are in the world but do not belong to it, requiring them to live distinctively while engaging with their surroundings (vv 14-16). In today's culture, what does it look like to remain faithful to Christ while still relating to those around you? How can you embody this balance



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without conforming to worldly values or withdrawing from society?

4. Sanctification comes through God's truth, which is His Word (v 17). Jesus prays for His disciples to be set apart by God's truth, a call to live holy lives in a world where truth is often debated or seen as relative. How can you allow Scripture to shape your values and choices in a culture filled with competing narratives? What habits can help you stay grounded in God's Word?
5. As the Father sent Jesus, He sends His followers to represent Him in their specific contexts, engaging purposefully with the world while remaining faithful to His truth (v 18). Does this call from Jesus resonate with you? Why or why not? How can you or do you live on mission in your current environment, whether that's your workplace, school, neighborhood, or home?
6. Jesus' prayer extends to all who will believe through the disciples' message, including modern believers, connecting us directly to His intercession and care (v 20). In what way are you impacted by knowing that Jesus prayed for you long before you believed? How can you live in a way that honors the faith legacy passed down through generations of believers? Who are you praying for now who might believe because of your witness? How can your words or life be part of someone else's journey toward Jesus?
7. Jesus prays that believers' unity would demonstrate to the world that God sent Him, emphasizing that our love and togetherness testify to His truth (v 23). In a skeptical or divided world, how can you foster unity with other believers to show Christ's love and draw others to Him? Can you think of a recent example where Christian unity (or disunity) shaped how nonbelievers viewed the church, and what can you learn from it?
8. Jesus' prayer calls believers to be united, set apart by truth, and sent into the world (vv 11–23). These remain essential amid today's challenges like division and secularism. As a group, how can you pray and act to align with Jesus' desires for unity, sanctification, and mission in your community? What is one specific action you can take this week, such as serving together or praying for unity, to live out Jesus' prayer in your personal or communal life?



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