

**Study Questions for the July 5, 2020 Sermon:  
“When Jesus Prays for You”  
John 17**

**Study Question: The Lord's Supper**

1. Pastor Paul commented that the physical activity related to the Lord's Supper is mundane: Eating bread and drinking wine. However the symbolism is profound and amazing. In Matthew 26, Jesus gave thanks for the cup of wine, even though it represented his horrific sacrificial death.
  - a. Can you name other Biblical characters who accepted a destiny that they knew would be full of adversity, because they believed it was God's will?
  - b. Have you ever taken on a task or responsibility that you knew would involve heartache or adversity, because you believed it was God's will for you?

**Study Questions: When Jesus Prays for You**

1. In Isaiah 42:8, God states that he will not share his glory. Yet in John 17:1&5, Jesus prays that the Father will “...glorify thou me with thine own self.” What can we infer from this about the relationship between the Father and Jesus?
2. In verse 17:11, Jesus prays for unity among the chosen. He prays that “...they may be one as we are.”
  - a. In what sense are all believers “one”? In other words, in what sense are we indeed unified?
  - b. What doctrinal boundaries should we set on Christian fellowship? In other words, are there denominations with whom we should not unite in worship because they hold some doctrine that crosses that boundary?
3. In verse 17:15, Jesus prays that the Father will “...keep them (Christians) from the evil.” Pastor Paul went on to explain that the Father always honors this request; even martyrs have been kept from evil. Summarize Pastor Paul's explanation as to how martyrs have been kept from evil.
4. In verses 17:15 & 18, Jesus makes it clear that believers have a mission; God is leaving us here rather than taking us to heaven because we have a purpose to fulfill. In one or two sentences, concisely state your mission.
5. Verse 17:23 states one of the most amazing teachings in the Bible: That the Father loves all of his children as much as He loves Jesus. Share a verse that expresses God's intense love for us.