

Listen to John 17:10-12 sermon [HERE](#) before time with your small group/ those you disciple.

“To enjoy & follow Jesus in a way that others will learn to enjoy & follow Jesus, too.”
The C.A.L.L. method will be the outline for our discipleship model:

Celebrate: Begin by celebrating where Jesus has been working in your life. How Jesus has answered prayer? What are areas where Jesus has blessed you and through you blessed others?

Accountability: Where are you responding to God's grace by walking in God's ways, practicing obedience to God's word as a response to Jesus' love for you? Is there anything specific you are trying to align with God's design for your life and loves as an obedience step from last week?

Learn it: (Summary of sermon below)

John 17:10-12

¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.”

What does this passage teach us about our triune God?

What does this passage teach us about our need, the need of humanity?

Where do we look for these needs to be met outside of God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? This is to ask, what measure do we take to persevere, and how is that working for us?

How does the context and the larger prayer, the larger revelation of God's preservation of His people in Scripture, help us see God's grace and mercy?

How does this passage teach us about God's faithfulness to keep His promises and the purposes He has for His people?

(see below for exposition and Biblical explanation)

Live It: What is application for your life and leadership? What are obedience steps?

- 1- Where do you need to repent from seeking to persevere in your own power?
- 2- Where do you need to surrender to Jesus' shepherding care for security, steadfast to persevere?
- 3- How can you more faithfully celebrate God's covenant faithfulness, applying the gospel to the deepest portion of your soul to life from a security and status only His covenant work provides?
- 4- How can you live from the promised perseverance of Jesus for unity among His Body?
- 5- What specific obedience step is Jesus putting on your heart?

Summary of the Sermon

1- We persevere because we are the Lord's (10)

The covenant love of the Lord will not let his people go! Believers persevere not by our work but because

- The Father's eternal plan (for God's glory- **17:4, 6, 9-10, 25-26**)
- The Son's atoning work (Believers are ransomed- **Mark 10:45; Colossians 1:12-14**)
- Faith given to believers (Believers are justified by faith alone- **Galatians 2:16**)

We live in a world that says we can only persevere in status or security through our performance: George Matheson was a British pastor and hymnwriter. When younger, Mathewson was engaged. When the woman realized he was going blind she decided to leave him because she did not "want to be married to a blind man"! In deep heartache, Matheson became closer to his sister (and went deeper into studying theology). On the evening of his sister's wedding, a blind man looking ahead at his life and seeing he had no human love to hold him, Matheson wrote his most famous hymn- "Oh Love that will not let me go..."

Verse one says this: "O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee. I give the back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow, may richer, fuller, be..." The Gospel promise is this- when we rest our weary souls in the steadfast, secure, love of Jesus- He will not let us go. We are His!

2- We persevere because we are kept in His name (11)

See notes from last week! But we must add Scripture's emphasis for believers kept in Christ's name.

- The Holy Spirit seals us (**Ephesians 1:13-14**)
- Jesus promises to keep us (**John 10:27-30, Phil 1:6, Romans 8:29-39**)
- Jesus prays to protect us (**John 17, Luke 22:39-46, Romans 8:26-28, Hebrews 7:25**)

When John Piper teaches on Perseverance of the saints he asks, "What keeps me when I am sleeping? What have I done, while sleeping, that keeps me and preserves me in God's love?" The answer is, of course, nothing. Psalm 121 emphasizes this truth- We are kept in our most passive place- sleeping- by the One who never sleeps- consider the promises: "He who keeps you will not sleep (3)- The One who keeps does not slumber or sleep! Climaxing in verse 8- The Lord will keep your going out and coming in from this time forth- forever more!

The keeping in Christ's name is where we have covenant confidence in steps of life and surprise deaths.

3- We persevere because we are guarded (12)

- By Christ's work (**1 Peter 1:3-5**)
- According to God's word (**Psalm 41:9; Zechariah 11:12**)

Come Thou Fount- Our hearts are prone to wander! God's covenant goodness, like a fetter, binds our hearts to Him! And we persevere because He guards us.

Note: The warning passages in Scripture help keep us, too! May we all genuinely "taste the word of God & the powers of the coming age" (**Hebrews 6:5**) through Jesus Christ and His work.