



Sermon Discussion Guide

1.11.26 Message | Tyler Myers | John 17:1-26

Note: This discussion guide is designed for both group and individual use. While some questions are written with group discussion in mind, individuals can still use this guide for personal reflection, journaling, and prayer. Simply adapt any group-oriented questions for your own study time.

LOOK BACK - Relationship & Accountability (~15% of your discussion)

→ Share Life

- What are you thankful for this week?
- What has been causing you stress lately?
- Who in your community needs help right now, and how can our group come alongside them?

→ Follow Up From Last Time

- Retell what we discussed in our previous gathering.
- What actions did you take in response?
- Did you share anything from our last study with someone else? How did they respond?

LOOK UP – Scripture & Discovery (~60%)

→ Read (twice, in different translations)

- Read the text you are studying this week in the ESV out loud.
- Read the text you are studying this week a second time in an alternate version.

→ Retell

- In your own words, summarize what the author is saying in this passage.

Key Scripture (ESV)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

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. 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. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- A prayer without following God's plan is simply wishful thinking.
 - Jesus invites us to bring our sin into a real, ongoing spiritual journey—not hide from him.
 - God works through his plan and presence, not shortcuts or avoidance.
 - Lasting change happens when we pursue God with our whole selves, not partial surrender.
 - Biblically handling sin leads to health, healing and unity rather than division.
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CONVERSATION STARTER

What's something in life that improved only after you stopped avoiding it and faced it head-on?

DISCUSS THE MESSAGE (Does your group understand the message?)

- What did you like about this passage?
- Did you find anything difficult about this passage?
- What does this passage teach about God?
- What does this passage teach about people?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

1. Why do you think Jesus defines eternal life as *knowing* God rather than simply believing facts about him? (*John 17:3*)
 2. What stands out to you about Jesus praying for protection and unity rather than comfort or success? (*John 17:11, 20–21*)
 3. How does Jesus' prayer challenge the idea that following God should remove us from difficulty or tension with the world? (*John 17:14–16*)
 4. What do you think it means to be "sanctified by the truth" in everyday life, not just in church settings? (*John 17:17–19*)
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LOOK FORWARD – Application & Mission (~25%)

→ Inside Me

- According to this sermon, what am I doing well in keeping Christ at the center of my life?
- What needs to change so that Jesus—not my preferences—remains the center?

→ **Who Else?**

- Who in my life needs to hear about Jesus as the true center of all things?
- How can I share this truth or invite them to explore it with me this week?

→ **Pray Together**

- Pray for a clear vision to see Jesus as central in all things.
- Pray for strength to resist false “gospels” that compete for our allegiance.
- Pray for courage to share Christ’s supremacy with others and live as his witnesses.