

## John # 56 – Jesus Prays for His Disciples – 9-7-23

### John 17:6-19

<sup>6</sup> “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup> “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup> My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

**John 17:20** - “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message...”

**Hebrews 12:2** - For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Principles of Jesus' prayer life seen in the Gospel of Luke:

- 1) Prayer for Jesus formed a point of connection between Him and His Father in heaven through the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) Prayer for Jesus was not just talking to God. It also involved hearing God's voice.
- 3) Jesus' prayer life was frequently carried out in private when He was separated from the crowds. Of course, His ministry was to the crowds. So, His private prayer life equipped and empowered Him for His public ministry.
- 4) Jesus prayed to receive insight and wisdom when faced with important decisions.
- 5) Jesus' prayer life showed His reverence and devotion to the Father.
- 6) Jesus' prayer life showed His dependence upon the Father.
- 7) Jesus' prayer life helped to form His Father's character in Him.
- 8) Jesus prayed to be strengthened for obedience to the Father's purpose and plan.

These same principles should apply to our prayer life as well.

- 1) Prayer forms a point of connection between me and my Father in heaven through the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) Prayer is not just talking to God. It's also hearing God's voice.
- 3) My prayer life is frequently carried out in private apart from corporate worship. My private prayer life equips and empowers me for my ministry in the world.
- 4) I pray to receive insight and wisdom when faced with important decisions.
- 5) My prayer life shows my reverence and devotion to the Father.
- 6) My prayer life acknowledges my dependence upon the Father.
- 7) My prayer life helps to form the Father's character in me.
- 8) I pray to be strengthened for obedience to the Father's purpose and plan.

***Why did Jesus pray for His disciples:***

- 1) He prayed for them out of His concern for the glory of God.
- 2) He prayed for them because they were the ones to whom He had revealed God and who were to be given the task of revealing God to others.
- 3) He prays for them because of their calling to take the gospel to the world.
- 4) Now, the fourth reason why Jesus prayed for them was because of their circumstances. Their mission would be carried out in the midst of a world hostile to them and their calling.
- 5) He prayed that His disciples would be filled and strengthened by His own joy.

***What did Jesus pray for His disciples:***

- 1) He prayed that they be one as He and the Father are one.
- 2) He prayed that they be protected from the evil one.
- 3) He prayed that they be sanctified.