

## **Jesus' Fellowship Prayer**

John 17:6-19

**Context:** In the final week of Jesus' life (John 13-20), moments before his death, He prays His "High Priestly" prayer for His disciples.

**Main Idea:** Jesus prayed that we would stick together and fulfill His mission.

### **Because of Jesus' fellowship prayer...**

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ unified (vs. 6-11)**

A. Jesus prayed that his disciples would stay together as one. Disciples must strive to stay unified against the divisiveness of the world and from internal divisions.

B. The disciples were divided often then and today, but we must work towards maintaining a sincere Christian unity.

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ from the world (vs. 12-17)**

A. The word "sanctify" means to be set apart, to be separated. There are three stages of sanctification:

i. The initial sanctification happens when a person believes in Jesus Christ – they are set apart for God permanently, once for all (Hebrews 10:10)

ii. Progressive sanctification happens when the believer makes a determined and disciplined effort to allow the Spirit of God to set him apart day by day. The Spirit of God takes him and conforms him to the image of Christ more and more. (2 Cor 3:18; Eph 5:25-26; 1 Thess 5:23-24)

iii. Eternal Sanctification will happen when the believer will be set apart unto God and His service in heaven. (Eph 5:27; 1 John 3:2)

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Mission (vs. 18-19)**

A. As God sent Jesus, Jesus now sends us!

B. How personally involved are you in the mission of God in the world?