

The Words Are Red
Week 4 - John 17
Sunday September 6th, 2020

John 17:1-8 (NLT, pg. 898)

Job #1 – To give eternal life.

The essence of salvation is _____.

John 17:3 (NLT) And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

Job #2 – To reveal God to the world.

Truth must be believed and _____.

John 17:8 (NLT) I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

John 17:9-21 (NLT, pg. 898-899)

Jesus prays for _____ among all believers.

To be united we need _____

John 17:15 (NLT) I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.

To be united we need _____

John 17:17,19 (NLT) Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth... And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

To be united we need a _____

John 17:18 (NLT) Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.

Our unity is what best _____ God to this world

John 17:20-21 (NLT) “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

John 17:22-26 (NLT, pg. 899)

Jesus concludes with a vivid description of God's _____.

Final Thought: The heart of God is that all will believe and be unified. Are you a believer? Are you unified? Take whatever steps necessary to say _____ to both questions.

Discussion Questions

Read John 17:11-12. These verses describe the power of the name of Jesus. Based on the teaching about the Trinity in previous chapters, explain in your own words what Jesus is describing here. When have you experienced the power of Jesus' name in your life? Explain.

“To be unified as believers doesn’t mean we will always agree on everything.” Can this statement really be true? Why or why not. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. How does this teaching of Paul compare to Jesus’ prayer in John 17? Why do you think Paul uses the analogy a human body (1 Corinthians 12:12-31) to further explain this concept?

For unity to truly happen there must be a common foundation to build on. Review the core values of Oregon Trail; how do these each contribute to unity within our church?

Oregon Trail Core Values

1. Jesus Christ is the destination of our journey.
2. Scripture is our foundation and road map for our journey
3. All generations contribute to the journey
4. Everyone is welcome on the journey

Do you feel unified with all believers? Why or why not? Do you feel united with others at Oregon Trail? Why or why not? What step(s) do you need to take in your faith journey to help you be more united?