SMITH FOR CHRIST

TEACHING THE WORD · WATCHING THE TIMES

REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

John

Chapter 17

The Prayer of the Son

MEMORY VERSE · JOHN 17:15

"I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one."

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This week in John 17

The night before He died, Jesus prayed out loud for His men — and for you. This week, read His prayer slowly and listen for your own name in it: kept, set apart by the truth, sent, made one with your brothers, and wanted with Him where He is.

How to use this journal

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the John study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?

DAY 1 OF 5

The Hour Has Come

READ · JOHN 17:1–5

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does Jesus ask the Father for in verses 1 and 5, and how does He define eternal life in verse 3?

REFLECT

Jesus says eternal life is knowing God and Jesus Christ (v. 3). How would you describe the difference between knowing about God and knowing Him — and where are you right now?

REFLECT

Jesus prayed before He faced His enemies (v. 1; 18:1–3). What trouble is coming at you this week that you need to bring to the Father first?

RESPOND — TODAY

Before you look at your phone tomorrow morning, spend five minutes talking to the Father about the day ahead.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (JOHN 17:15)

DAY 2 OF 5

Those You Gave Me

READ · JOHN 17:6–12

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

How many times in verses 6–12 does Jesus say the Father "gave" or "has given" people to Him? What does He say He did for them while He was with them (v. 12)?

REFLECT

Jesus calls His men a gift from the Father (vv. 6, 9). How would it change the way you treat the men in your group if you saw them that way?

REFLECT

Judas walked with Jesus for three years and was lost (v. 12). What is the difference between being near Jesus and belonging to Him?

RESPOND — TODAY

Write down the name of one brother God has put in your life, and thank God for him by name.

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DAY 3 OF 5

In the World, Not of It

READ · JOHN 17:13–16

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does Jesus ask for in verse 15 — and what does He say He is not asking for?

REFLECT

Where are you tempted to escape — to want God to take you out of a job, a cell block, a family situation? What would it look like to be kept there instead?

REFLECT

Where are you tempted to blend in so no one notices whose you are (v. 14)? What is one way you could quietly stand out this week?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pray verse 15 out loud, putting in the place where you feel the most pressure: "Keep me from the evil one in ____."

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (JOHN 17:15)

DAY 4 OF 5

Sanctified in the Truth

READ · JOHN 17:17–19

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What does Jesus say God's word is (v. 17)? What does Jesus say He does "for their sakes" (v. 19)?

REFLECT

Jesus says God makes us holy through His word (v. 17). Honestly, how much of your week is spent in the Word compared with other voices?

REFLECT

Jesus set Himself apart for the cross so that you could be set apart for God (v. 19). What does it mean to you that your holiness starts with what He did, not with what you do?

RESPOND — TODAY

Pick one verse from this chapter, write it on a card, and read it every time you eat today.

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (JOHN 17:15)

DAY 5 OF 5

That They May All Be One

READ · JOHN 17:20–26

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Who does Jesus pray for in verse 20? What reason does He give twice for His people being one (vv. 21, 23)?

REFLECT

You came to believe through the apostles' word, so verse 20 is Jesus praying for you. What does it do to your heart to know the Son of God prayed for you by name?

REFLECT

Jesus wants the world to look at how believers treat each other and believe (v. 21). Is there a brother you have a grudge against or have been avoiding? What would one step toward him look like?

RESPOND — TODAY

Reach out this week — a call, a note, a handshake — to a believer you have been distant from.

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WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

Jesus says He wants us "with Me where I am" to see His glory (v. 24). How does knowing where the story ends change how you face this week?

FOR THE GROUP · 2

Which of the six relations to the world in this chapter — in it, not of it, hated by it, kept in it, sent into it, for it — is hardest for you right now, and why?

FOR THE GROUP · 3

If someone listened to your prayers this week, what would they learn about what you care about most? Compare that with what Jesus asked for in John 17.

MY PRAYER

Holy Father, thank You that Your Son prayed for me before I ever knew Him; keep me today in…

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · JOHN 17:15

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