

Why Jesus prayed about your relationships

Jesus prays for you (Part 3)

John 17:20-23

- I. Jesus prayed that believer's relationships would draw people to believe in Christ (17:20-21).
 - A. Jesus prayed for all of us who would believe the gospel through of the apostles (20).
 - B. Jesus prayed that we would be unified just as the Father and Son are unified (21a).
 - C. Jesus prayed we would live so unified the world would want to believe in Him (21b; John 15).

- II. As believers live more like Christ our unity demonstrates the gospel to the world (17:22-23).
 - A. As we reflect Jesus' glory (grace and truth) we are more unified like God is (22-23a; John 1:14b; 17).
 - B. As believers love each other the world learns about Jesus and His love for them (23b; John 3:16; John 13:34-35).

Relational samples that point to the gospel

1. Caring like Christ (Philippians 2:3-5)
2. Accepting others like Christ (Romans 15:7)
3. Graciously patient by the Spirit (Ephesians 4:2-3)
4. Speaking truth lovingly like Christ (Ephesians 4:15)
5. Resolving anger quickly (Ephesians 4: 27, 29)
6. Saying what helps, not hurts (Ephesians 4:29)
7. Kind and forgiving like Christ (Ephesians 4:31-32)