



In the last week of Jesus' life before His crucifixion we see Him clearly focused on accomplishing His purpose...His mission. In the weeks leading up to Easter we will focus in on what He did and said, who He engaged with, and how he made decisions. As we follow Him on His journey to the Cross, what lessons will there be for us?

### **Week Six: Sharing God's Love**

Text: John 17

#### Discussion Questions:

The following are based on the "My Application" Questions found in the bulletin this week. (Leader, urge your group members to attend worship—or watch the sermon online—and to spend time considering and answering those questions before coming to the group. This will produce a richer discussion time.)

- What would you do if you only had 24 hours to live? Think about what Jesus did on Thursday before His crucifixion. Any similarities?
- What is "eternal life" according to Jesus (see John 17:3, 24)? How is this different than just long life?
- Read John 17:20-26. For whom did Jesus ask for unity? How important is that unity to Jesus?
- Why doesn't the unity Jesus prayed for "just happen"? (Why would he need to pray for it?)

- What are some things that make unity with other Christians hard for you? How might you overcome those difficulties for Jesus?
- Jesus said that He is sending us into the world as God sent Him into the world (see John 17:18). In what ways are you living as “sent” by Jesus?

### Prayer:

This week, pray as Jesus prayed. Use his great prayer as your model:

- Jesus prayed that He would be glorified by bringing eternal life to humanity.
  - Pray that people you know would receive eternal life, and that Jesus would be glorified as a result. Mention those people by name as you pray.
- Jesus prayed that His disciples would take up His mission.
  - Ask God to show you how you might share the love of Jesus with the people you mentioned, this week.
- Jesus prayed that we (all of His followers) would unify around this mission.
  - If you have been more focused on how the church can meet your needs than on how you—as part of the church—can share Jesus with the world around you, confess that (agree with God that it’s not His will for you) and ask God to begin changing your perspective.

### Application:

- Review your FRANC list. (Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances, Neighbors, Co-workers)
- How is God urging you to BLESS someone on that list this week? (Share that with your group)
- Try this: Put a reminder on your phone to pray for that person every day, and to DO what God is urging you to do.

Scripture Memory

*Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am,  
and to see my glory, the glory you have given me  
because you loved me before the creation of the world.*

John 17:24