"What Jesus Wants" Group Guide

Series: [RE]UNION Passage: John 17:20-26 Speaker(s): Pastor Ryan Paulson Date: March 10, 2024

ICEBREAKER:

Daylight Saving Time has begun! Test your group knowledge on the day. (Answers from <u>history.com</u> can be found at the end of this guide.)

- 1. True or False: Benjamin Franklin invented Daylight Saving Time.
- 2. Name the two states that do not observe Daylight Saving Time.
- 3. Daylight Saving Time was implemented to support farmers.

What Jesus Wants

John 17:20-26

What God wants FOR ME is more important than what God wants FROM ME.

Jesus wants us to be:

- Formed in community.
- Confident in destiny.
- Grounded in love.

Knowing Jesus is **praying for you**, gives you the freedom to **rest in him**.

C Learning His Way

(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

- 1. Read John 17:20-26.
- 2. Rephrase this passage in your own words.

3. Read Matthew 7:11; Ephesians 3:14-21; Philippians 2:2-3; 1 John 3:1-2 & Luke 5:31-32. What are the important concepts from each passage?

\bigotimes Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our hearts. "How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?")

4. How does the thought "What God wants for me is more important than what God wants from me" impact you?

5. Do you believe that God's love for you is the same as the love He has for Jesus? Why or why not?

6. In heaven, you will be "completed by His grace" and be completely "safe in His love." In what ways do you hope you have changed to reflect His image more clearly in the days you have left here on earth?

Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, "What would God want us to do because of this passage?")

7. By yourself or as a group, make a list of things that often cause division within the church. As a symbol of choosing unity, crumple up that list and throw it in the trash as you pray for the unity of the church. (Additional information: Click <u>HERE</u> for Emmanuel Faith's beliefs that unify its members.)

8. Reflect upon the image by <u>Yongsung Kim</u>. In what ways do you need the loving hand of Jesus to save you today?



ICEBREAKER Answers:

- 1. False
- 2. Hawaii and Arizona
- 3. False