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How Jesus Prayed

John 17:20-26

When we talk or even think about mission and evangelism as somehow separate from and not dependent upon _____ among believers, we depart from everything Jesus prayed on our behalf.

Discussion 1. What do you think Jesus' prayer "that they may be one" really means? Can we disagree with each other and still be one? Can there be diversity among us and still be one? How would you describe "unity"?

Jesus did so much more than just pray to the Father for our unity...he provided the mechanism for it: _____ abiding in each of us as believers.

Discussion 2. If Jesus already provided for our unity and our job is just to preserve it or to maintain it, then what all do you think that job includes? How specifically do we "preserve" or "maintain" the unity among us?

While we see "as through a glass dimly" in this life, Jesus' prayer for us expresses a deep desire for his followers to see with great clarity and to _____ him and the Father _____ in the next life.

Discussion 3. Why do you suppose God's plan is for us to "see as through a glass dimly" in this life, i.e., that we must wait until heaven to fully understand spiritual things? Jesus clearly wants us to see his glory...why do you think we must wait?

God's perfect plan for making Himself known to this broken world is simple: Jesus changed the lives of a few by how he _____ them, and His Spirit has continued to do the same through his followers ever since.

Discussion 4. Why is it so important that the primary operating system of Christ followers is God's love? What happens to this movement we call Christianity when something other than God's love becomes our driver?