

## CCC Message Notes

*Jesus Prays for All of His Future Followers* - John 17:20-26

The Last Thing Jesus Does Before He's Arrested Is Pray

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### THEME

(The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

In His final pre-arrest moments with His disciples, Jesus prays for His future followers.

### APPLICATION

(What to Do with What You Hear)

Cry out to God for this prayer of Jesus to be answered fully for, in & through you.

### FOCUS

(The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

As we read & hear Jesus' final words recorded in John before He is identified & betrayed by Judas, remember He is not speaking to His disciples with whom He still is, He is praying to His Father out loud in their presence. And these last words before they get up to go to across the Kidron Valley to a garden where they often met just outside of Jerusalem are some powerful words indeed. What makes them especially important is knowing He is praying them for the believers who were yet to come. Yes, that means you & that means me. We need to listen up!

In these six verses it becomes clear that God has some very specific desires for you & me concerning our presence & influence in the world. Jesus prays for something to be real to us, in us & through us. We can't afford to miss this. We can't live what we don't know & we won't live what we don't believe.

## God's Desire for All Believers Is that They ...

### 1. EXPERIENCE UNITY in & ONENESS with HIM.

This isn't just some wish we should want but a reality we should show.

John 17:20-23

### 2. be LIVING PROOF of Who He IS & what He INTENDS.

The difference God makes on the inside is meant to be evident on the outside.

John 17:21b & 23b

### 3. would KNOW the FATHER'S LOVE & CONTINUE to GROW in their RELATIONSHIP with the FATHER & SON.

One of love's ultimate realities is that relationships continue to grow.

John 17:23b-26

### Making It Real Questions

\* Can you truly say you are experiencing both? Have you ever experienced either?

\* Will you allow the importance of this to cause you to want this even more?

\* Is your heart's desire to keep growing in God's love for you? Is there anything in your life keeping you from the fullness of the reality of celebrating His peace, presence, power & love?

### Action Step

Memorize John 17:20-23. They're this week's Verses for the Week.