

John 17 Lesson: Jesus Prays for Himself, the Disciples, and for All Believers

Context

- Uncertainty triggers
 - “Today, pay attention to avoidance mechanisms that surface when you face the unknown, unknowable, uncomfortable, or unavoidable. Do you eat more? Sleep more? Domineer more? Why? Ask God’s Holy Spirit to sensitize you today to the existence of avoidance defaults in your life.” Chole p45
- What does uncertainty trigger in you?

Glory/Glorify

- Definitions
- Mutual glory
 - Relational God
- What does it look like for us to bring God glory?

Protect

- “The Evil One will constantly seek to seduce us too far to the left or too far to the right, and so we can be grateful that two prayers are at work for us as we walk this narrow path: Jesus’ prayer (“*protect them from the evil one*”) and the Church’s daily prayer (“*deliver us from the evil one*”). Jesus’ prayer and the Church’s prayer, together, joined with our own, can keep us walking the narrow road straight ahead.” Bruner 993
- What does the enemy use to “seduce you off the narrow path of following Jesus?”

Unity

- Vertical Unity
 - “This is a devotional, worshipful, eucharistic, vertical relation first of all. The Father is so locked into the Son that he seeks his Son’s glory more than anything else in the world; the Son, similarly, seeks the Father’s glory above all else; now we, comparably, are invited into this divine intercommitment. May we find ways into this upward devotion...for the sake of the Church’s outward reach into the wide world around us.” Bruner 1007
- Horizontal Unity
 - “By whatever legitimate means we can find, we will *first* seek a deep vertical connection with the Father and the Son, comparable to the Father’s and the Son’s deep connection with each other, so that *then* we can find our ways into union with each other in common Christian life.” Bruner 1007
 - Early church model- Acts
 - Christocentricity is KEY
- What do these kinds of unity look like in your life? Victories? challenges?