

Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus prays "that they may be one as We are."
 - What does unity "as the Father and Son are one" actually look like in a church community?
 - What threatens unity most in Christian communities today, and how can believers guard against those threats?
2. Jesus says His followers "are not of the world."
 - What does it mean to live *in* the world but not be *of* it in practical, everyday terms?
 - Where do you personally feel the tension between belonging to Christ and living in a world with different values?
3. Jesus does *not* pray for believers to be taken out of the world, but to be kept from the evil one.
 - Why does Jesus want His followers to stay in the world rather than escape from it?
 - How does this shape the way we think about mission, work, culture, and relationships?

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John 17:11-16 NKJV [11] Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. [12] While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. [13] But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. [14] I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. [15] I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. [16] They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Philippians 3:20 NKJV For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Peter 1:15-16 NKJV but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, [16] because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." **Matthew 6:9 NKJV** In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

1 Peter 1:3-5 NKJV Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, [5] who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Jude 1:1 NKJV Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ

John 6:39 NKJV This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. **Psalms 121:7-8 NKJV** The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. [8] The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore.

John 10:28-29 NKJV And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

Ephesians 4:3-6 NKJV endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4] There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; [5] one Lord, one faith, one baptism; [6] one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

John 10:11 NKJV "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

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John 18:9 NKJV that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

John 10:27-30 NKJV My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. [28] And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither

shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. [29] My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. [30] I and My Father are one."

John 6:70-71 NKJV Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" [71] He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, for it was he who would betray Him, being one of the twelve.

1 John 2:19 NKJV They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

Psalms 41:9 NKJV Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

John 15:11 NKJV "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

Hebrews 12:2 NKJV looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Psalms 16:11 NKJV You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Philippians 4:4 NKJV Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

John 17:14 NKJV [14] I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

John 8:31-32 NKJV Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. [32] And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 15:18-19 NKJV "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. [19] If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Philippians 3:20 NKJV For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

Colossians 1:13-14 NKJV He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, [14] in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Psalms 119:105 NKJV Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

1 John 3:13 NKJV Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

John 20:21 NKJV So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Ephesians 6:12 NKJV For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 NKJV But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

1 John 5:18 NKJV We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.

Ephesians 6:11 NKJV Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

1 John 2:15-16 NKJV Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. [16] For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.