

Abide

**GROUP
DISCUSSION
GUIDE**

Week 4

CONNECT

Take sometime to break the ice and choose one of the questions below.

- What is your favorite snowstorm activity to pass the time?
- Do you go to Super Bowl parties for the food, the commercials, or the game? Or potentially do you not go at all?
- Discipleship Check-In

INTRODUCTION

If Jesus were to show up to this group tonight and ask to pray for us, what do you think he would pray for? Faith? Joy? Abiding? Today's passage is Jesus praying for us (Crazy!) and what he prays for might shock us all. Oneness. We could all agree that the world we currently live in is not defined by oneness both inside and outside the church. The power of the gospel is that it can create oneness where the world says it is impossible. Before we begin let's take time to pray and ask Jesus to give us ears to hear what he wants for us today.

OBSERVE

READ:

John 17:20-26

DISCUSS:

- What initial observations do you have about the passage?
- Who are the main players in this passage and what does it say about their character?

INTERPRET

DISCUSS

- How would you summarize what Jesus is saying?
- How would you describe what it means for the Father and Jesus to be one? And how is our, the church's, oneness different from the Father's and Jesus'?
- In verse 23, how does Jesus see disciples being "perfectly one" lead to the world knowing who the Father is?

APPLY

DISCUSS

- Jesus is calling all of us to be one just as he and the Father are one. If we want to experience this oneness, we must first see how our own sin hinders true oneness. Where in your life do you fail to be with, honor, reconcile with or serve the church?
- The reality of our brokenness is that we cannot change without Jesus doing it for us. The power of the gospel is Jesus gave up his life so we might be one with him and the church. This is the only way we can change. How can you invite Jesus into areas of disunity in your life?

PRAYER

Praise the Father for sending his Son to show the world what true oneness is like. Praise Jesus for living in perfect oneness with the Father and then giving it up on the cross so we might experience that same oneness. Praise the Spirit who gives us the power to be truly one. Pray that God would give us a greater vision for what it means to be one and the power to live it out.

DISCIPLESHIP CHECK-IN

- Have you read your Bible and prayed consistently the past week?
- Who is one lost person you're praying would come to faith?



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