

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Offering his High Priestly Prayer, Jesus interceded on behalf of his disciples, praying for their protection, unity, joy, and sanctification. Together, let's discuss what his prayer meant for his disciples then, what it means for us as his disciples today, living as sanctified people in a world that doesn't always welcome our faith.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What is a disciple?
- If you were to pray for someone of the next generation—like a child, a student, an apprentice, or someone you mentored—what would you pray for?



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READ [John 17:6-19](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Have you ever considered that your identity as a disciple of Jesus is an *intentional gift* from God, not just an accident or coincidence? How does that knowledge impact how you view your relationship with God?
- In segment 2, hosts Darrell Delaney and Scott Hoezee discuss the difference between joy and happiness and why Jesus prayed his disciples would have his joy within them. Can you think of a time when you experienced inexplicable joy?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus prayed for protection, unity, joy, and sanctification for his disciples? Why do you think this demonstrates his love and care?
- Reflect on the questions Scott asked in segment 3:
 - Are you grounded in God's truth?
 - Are you letting God's Word and Spirit nurture you?
 - Are you bearing fruit in a way that reflects God's kingdom?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Romans 8:14-17](#), [John 15:18-25](#), [Philippians 4:4](#), [Matthew 5:13-16](#), [Hebrews 4:12](#), [Matthew 28:19-20](#), [Matthew 3:13-17](#)

CONCLUSION

As they closed the episode, Darrell and Scott focused on three ways we can lean into the power of Jesus Christ's High Priestly Prayer:

1. Stay rooted in God's Word; make it a daily habit to read Scripture.
2. Live as Christ's ambassadors. Look for ways to serve and engage the world while adhering to your faith and your truth.
3. Prioritize prayer in community. Seek God's strength in prayer and surround yourself with fellow believers who can encourage and challenge you.

Do you feel you do any of these well already? Which of them does Jesus' prayer give you the courage to lean into more? Close your time of reflection by praying for protection, unity, joy, and sanctification for yourself and all who are disciples of Jesus today.

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