

The Longings of Jesus

Text: John 17:20-26

Key verse – 17:21

Show the short version of the “**Within Reach**” video before the sermon (2:30).

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In John 17 we see what is often referred to as the ‘high priestly prayer.’ Jesus prayed for himself, for his disciples and for us... (Read John 17:20-26 – or is read earlier, John 17:21)

Main Point: The longings Jesus expressed for us as he faced a horrific death on a cross for our salvation are the same longings Jesus Christ has for us today.

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1. That we may all be one just as He is in the Father and the Father is in Him.

One of the great privileges we have as Global Disciples – serving 1250 denom. or associations of churches globally.

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EX. Oct. 1995 Born out of brokenness, repentance, and prayer – 4 leaders...

God used this John 17 passage to bring us to repentance and a new mindset!

In the early church it didn’t take long for them to start splitting up the church **READ 1 Cor 3:4-9** and comment...

It’s our human tendency to organize and align ourselves by loyalties. v 4c

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How can we fulfill this longing of Jesus?

Act like the Body of Christ—not competition. **Relate & Collaborate** – focus on Jesus C **Love & Pray for** other believers & churches.

EX. Coalition of the Willing – ex. Nepal-Very high standard – like Jesus & Father

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2. That we may be in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reflecting God’s glory.

Many things change when **our identity** is in Jesus – not in job, success/failures

What does it mean for us to be in Christ and simultaneously (**v.23**) Christ in us?

My mind goes back to **John 15:4-5** READ JC to disciples “Abide in me, & I in you.”

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EX. HS. What’s the result? **We bear fruit** v. 5 ... Back to **Jn 17:23** -others will know Jesus.

How does that happen?

Jn 10:16 My sheep “listen to my voice.”

Jn 16:13 The HS “guides into all truth”

Have you gotten to know the HS voice?

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EX. 15 years ago 2 young men Ethiopia, God spoke... go to witchdoctor... 475 ch.

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(3rd Point – other side)

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3. **So the world may believe** Jesus is who He claimed to be and will know life in Him.

Throughout history God has been intent on making Himself known to all people...

The whole Bible is an overview of God's initiative to build relationship with us... Gen 3:8, 12:3, Acts 3:26, Is 49:6

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Yet 1 of 3 of us in the world...never heard..

Jesus, the Word become flesh...His passion Luke 19:10 ... repeatedly of that longing, most famously the Great Commission—**Mt 28:18-20**

2018 – Barna **51%** don't recognize term GC

EX. I remember my Dad's last words well...

As Global Disciples – Helping us all know Jesus intimately – His heart's longing ...

Dallas Willard – “love attachment” ... ‘will’ first disciples Acts 5:40-41

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Jesus – “...I am **with you** always...” PRAYER