



The High Priestly Prayer: In the World

John 17:11-19

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read John 17:11-19. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 What do you think is the typical view of Christians/Christianity in our culture? Is it hard to be a Christian in America today?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

IN THE WORLD: NAME PROTECTED

- 3 Adam said, "You will face opposition, but God is always standing tall and mighty on your behalf." Have you ever felt protected or emboldened by God in the midst of opposition?
- 4 Is there a past failure, present sin, anxiety, fear, or loss that is naming you right now? What was "the name" given to Christ that is by grace given to us?

- 5 What did Adam mean when he said, “It’s not Mickey Mouse, but it is Mickey Mouse”?

IN THE WORLD: TRUTH SANCTIFYING

- 6 In your own words, what was Jesus referring to when he spoke of “the world”?
- 7 Christians typically take two of two postures toward “the world”. What are they? How does a boat provide a helpful analogy for understanding what it means to be “in the world but not of the world”?
- 8 What do you think growing in holiness looks like? Does it sound stifling or boring? How are holiness and joy connected? What is the primary means by which we grow in holiness and joy?

IN THE WORLD: SENT GRACIOUSLY

- 9 Does your life in the world look like Jesus’ life in the world did? Discuss the following quote by Phillip Yancey: “Jesus was not primarily known for what he was against.”
- 10 What did you take away from the CBS news video clip?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?