

Date: October 28, 2018  
Scripture: John 4:17  
Series: Heart of a Disciple



**“Come follow me.”** Words Jesus spoke to two people who would be part of a movement that God used to transform people lives. What would it mean for Jesus to ask you to follow him? Explore the heart behind **someone who says, “I follow Jesus.”**

John Overview:

**Author and Date:** The disciple John recorded the events of Jesus’ public ministry (A.D.29-33) around 80-90 A.D.

**First readers and their location:** John was the last of the gospels to be written. John, who lived the longest of the disciples spent extensive time in the city of Ephesus and may have written it there. However, there is nothing in John to point to original audience or location.

**Why was it written?:** The reason John wrote this account can be found in 20:30–31, **“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”** Because of his advanced age and perspective John presents a bigger picture of parts of Jesus’ ministry.

Open-up

**When you hear the word, “prayer,”** what emotions, questions, experience does it bring to the surface? Why?



Into the Bible

Read: John 17

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated **words or ideas, unique words, main points...**)

What does Jesus pray for in this passage? For himself? For his disciples? For us?

What are the claims Jesus makes about himself in this chapter? What are the claims he makes about his Father?

How did Jesus understand that his work was finished in 6-19?

Explore the meaning behind 17:17-19. Read the following passages **and come up with an understanding of how God's truth can sanctify** us (Psalm 19; 1 Peter 1:22,23; 1 Corinthians 1:22; Hebrews 2:11; Titus 2:14).



Into my life

**Ask the question, "What does this look like in my life?"**

How do you respond to the different aspects of Christ's prayer (That we see his glory, unity among believers, that we will be where he is, that we are sanctified, the impact on the world)?

What do you think is the purpose of sanctification (Being set apart for god) and unity? Why do we need both?

The disciples were with Jesus when he prayed this prayer? What do you think Jesus wanted them to know from what he said? What do you think Jesus wants you to see out of this passage?

(More application questions on the reverse)



Into the World

**Ask, "what does this look like in my church or world?"**

Why do you think the world needs to see a church unified under Christ? How can your group be part of this prayer of Jesus to be "one?"

Prayer List:

My challenge for this week:

**Other Application Questions:**

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week?  
(Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on

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