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## Exit Plan John 17:20-26

### The Lord's Prayer

Jesus prayed for God to be glorified through Him.

Jesus prayed for His disciples.

### Jesus prayed for us. **JESUS had you on His mind when He went to the cross: how do you feel about that?**

- John 17:20-21a
- John 16:8 I will send HS and when He comes He will convince the world of \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Corinthians 15:3-5 You are cleansed already because of the WORD
- John 17:17 Sanctify us with your W \_\_\_\_, Your W \_\_\_\_ is truth!

### God's message brings unity.

We came to believe through the message of the Gospel.

- It's our responsibility to pass along the message.
  - 2 Timothy 2:2<sup>2</sup> And the [instructions] which you have heard from me along with many witnesses, transmit *and* entrust [as a deposit] to reliable *and* faithful men who will be competent *and* qualified to teach others also.
- The message can be costly.
- The message brings the hope of eternal life.
- We must protect the message.

### God's presence brings unity.

God's presence within us brings unity.

- John 17:21

- We're united with God through the presence of the Holy Spirit within us.

### God's mission brings unity.

Our unity with God and with each other has an eternal purpose.

- Like each of us as individuals, the church as a whole is called to evangelism.
- The church reveals the glory of God through its unity.
  - John 17:22-23
- A unified church is a picture of Jesus to the world and disunity brings confusion to the lost.
- We must grow to completeness in our unity.
  - Galatians 5:13-16AMPC **What have you given up?.**
  - Galatians 3:28 We are all one in Christ

### Final requests

Jesus wants us to see His glory.

- John 17:24
- 1 John 3:2 John's mid -point pic of Jesus
- Revelation 19:12-16 John's final pic of Jesus
- Jesus wants to be with us.

Jesus will continue to reveal to us the character and love of His Righteous Father.

- John 17:25-26

### Jesus' Exit Plan Review: **What is most precious to you and why?**

- Jesus left but He is coming back for us.
- He entrusted us with His mission while He is gone.
- He is with us and empowers us through the Holy Spirit.
- We will face opposition but we will overcome.
  - 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 We are pressed but not crushed...
  - John 14:1 Do not let your hearts be troubled: More trust = more peace

## Action Steps

- Ask for God's help to carry out His mission to take the message of the gospel to the world.
- Ask God to help HCC grow in unity as a witness to the world.
- **Share the gospel with someone this summer/What is your mission this summer ? \_\_\_\_\_.**

**John 17:20** My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,..."

**John 1:20 AMPC** Neither for these alone do I pray [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], but also for all those who will ever come to believe in (trust in, cling to, rely on) Me through their word *and* teaching,

<sup>21</sup> That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe *and* be convinced that You have sent Me.

<sup>22</sup> I have given to them the glory *and* honor which You have given Me, that they may be one [even] as We are one:

<sup>23</sup> I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one *and* perfectly united, that the world may know *and* [definitely] recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them [even] as You have loved Me.

<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also whom You have entrusted to Me [as Your gift to Me] may be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory, which You have given Me [Your love gift to Me]; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> O just *and* righteous Father, although the world has not known You *and* has failed to recognize You *and* has never acknowledged You, I have known You [continually]; and these men understand *and* know that You have sent Me.

<sup>26</sup> I have made Your Name known to them *and* revealed Your character *and* Your very <sup>1a</sup>Self, and I will continue to make [You] known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them [felt in their hearts] and that I [Myself] may be in them.

**Gal 5: 13** For you, brethren, were [indeed] called to freedom; only [do not let your] freedom be an incentive to your flesh *and* an opportunity *or* excuse [for <sup>1a</sup>selfishness], but through love you should serve one another.

<sup>14</sup> For the whole Law [concerning human relationships] is <sup>1a</sup>complied with in the one precept, You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.

<sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another [in partisan strife], be careful that you [and your whole fellowship] are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk *and* live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to *and* controlled *and* guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings *and* desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).

<sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free *but* are prevented from doing what you desire to do.

<sup>18</sup> But if you are guided (led) by the [Holy] Spirit, you are not subject to the Law.