



LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

February 7, 2010

The Church: Belong to Become

Why the Church Exists?

Read John 17.1-13

1. What is Jesus doing in John 17 (17.1)? Who is He praying for (17.20)?
2. What is God's first commitment to (17.1-5)? How does that make you feel?
3. How has Jesus glorified the Father (17.1-5)?
4. What has the Father given Jesus (17.2; Ephesians 1.22)? What does Jesus give to the church (17.2)?
5. What is *eternal life*? What does it mean to *know the only true God, and Jesus Christ* (17.3)? What do you get with the gospel (Philippians 3.8; Psalm 27.4)?
6. What is the *accomplished work* which the Father has given Jesus to do that Christ refers to (17.4; John 4.34; Luke 2.49; John 19.30)?
7. Why does the Church exist (17.10; Ephesians 1.23; Colossians 1.16; 1 Corinthians 10.31)?
8. According to what Jesus prays in 17.11 should we have different thoughts on why the church exists or is this an essential that the Church should be united in?
9. Jesus prays, *that they may have My joy made full in themselves* (17.13), what does He mean?
10. What is joy? Share times that you have experienced the joy of Christ.
11. What does Scripture say about delight and joy (Psalm 37.4)? Is it an option for the Church to delight or be joyful in God?
12. What is the connection of *knowing God, joy and glorifying God*?
13. John Piper says, *God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him*. What does that mean to you?

Pray