

**Bible Study**  
**John 17:6-19**

**Opening Question:**

Growing up, what activities were considered “worldly” or off limits? Has your attitude changed toward any of these activities? If so, in what ways?

**Read John 17:6-19**

1. As we read through Christ’s prayer for his disciples we see them (us) through his eyes. What do we learn about about believers from this passage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How many times does Jesus use the term ‘the world’ in this passage? What does he mean by it?  
(Romans 12:2, 1 Tim 4:4, 1 Cor 5:9-10, James 4:4, 1 John 2:15)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Twice Jesus asks the Father to protect his disciples from the evil one (V11 & 15). Why would this protection be important to Jesus as he faced the cross?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How can we live in the world but not adopt the world’s standards?
  - (A) What does this look like?
  - (B) In what areas is this be particularly challenging?
  - (C) How can we live this out in our day to day lives?(Ephesians 4:22-24, Psalm 1:1-2, John 15:6,18-19)

5. Our relationship to the world may be summed up in three words used by Jesus: *in*, *of*, and *into*. We are *in* the world, not *of* the world, but sent *into* the world. Which of the three do you find most challenging?  
(A) Why?
  
6. Some Christians seek to conform to the values, beliefs and practices of those outside the church. Based on Jesus' prayer, what would you say to them? (Ephes 5:1-14)  
(A) . To which cultural values do you find yourself conforming or feeling pressured to conform to?
  
7. Jesus calls for his disciples to be one, just as He and the Father are one. What do you think he means?  
(A) What would such unity look like  
(1 Cor 1:10, Eph 4:11-13, Col 3:13-14, Psalm 133:1)
  
8. Jesus asks the Father to sanctify his disciples by means of truth  
(A) What is the truth he is referring to?  
(B) How can we allow God's word to have that kind of effect on our lives?

**Personal Reflection:**

1. When did I first believe in Christ (17:6)? Since that time would Jesus characterize me as one who has kept His Word? If so, how have I specifically obeyed Him? When and where have I failed? What can I do about this? How can I grow spiritually?
2. Am I sanctified in God's truth (17:17)? What evidence leads to this conclusion? How have I grown in God's Word in the last year? What can I do to grow further in this next year? Have I written down any specific goals related to Bible study?