

**Discussion / Reflection Guide -- “Perfect Unity”
Week of November 26, 2017**

Read John 17:9-26

- Realize this prayer is for us today (17:20).
- Jesus says we are to bring glory to him (17:10). What does this mean? How can we bring glory to Jesus?
- Jesus prays that God will protect us by the power of His name (17:11, 15). Are you aware of any time when you KNOW God was protecting you? How has that impacted your faith and commitment to God?
- Jesus also prays we will experience unity (17:11), and goes so far to ask that we have “perfect” or “complete” unity (17:23). He compares the unity we are to have to the unity the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have (17:11) – the three are very different, but are united as one.
- Given the fact that we are all so different, with different personalities, different preferences, different tastes, different backgrounds, different goals, etc., is it possible that we can experience “perfect” or “complete” unity?
- Jesus suggests the one thing which should unite us all is the common mission He has given us. What is this common mission? See Matthew 28:18-20 and John 17:18. How can that mission unite us?
- We bring Jesus glory when we tell others about God’s grace (John 17:10). God protects us so we can fulfill this mission (17:11, 15). We are to set aside our petty differences so we can focus our united efforts to accomplish this mission (Jn. 17:18).

Lord, help **us** unite around this mission you have given us!
Help **me** to accept this mission and to unite around it.