

The Bible for Life: John 17.1-26
November 23, 2025 - 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.
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Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer (5 min)

Reminder of John's "Big Picture"

- 1) Prologue (1.1-18)
- 2) Kicking Off Ministry (1.19-51)
- 3) Jesus's Signs & Controversies (2.1 — 10.42)
- 4) Lazarus (11.1 — 12.50)
- 5) Farewell Teaching to Disciples (13.1 — 17.26)
- 6) Passion and Resurrection (18.1 — 20.31)
- 7) Epilogue (21.1-25)

John 17.1-26 (45 min)

Introduction:

- Priestly prayer and prayer of consecration
- Three distinct sections:
 1. A prayer for his ministry (the past)
 2. A prayer for the disciples (the present)
 3. A prayer for those who will become believers and therefore disciples (the future)
- Deeply theological: John summarizes his entire Gospel.

Verses 1-5: A prayer for his ministry

Verses 6-19: A prayer for his disciples

Verses 20-26: A prayer for future believers

Summary of John's theology:

- Who was Jesus?
- What was his mission on earth?
- The calling and mission of his disciples
- The spread of the His word: the Church

Closing Prayer

Next Week: John 18.1 — 19.36 (The Arrest! The Betrayal! The Trial! The Crucifixion!)