

Sermon Title: SO THAT... So That Remain Faithful

Sermon Scripture: John 17:6-12



Sermon Discussion Guide (10/11)

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read John 17:6-12 out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

Share of a time that you felt the Holy Spirit directing your actions or felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. How did you know that it was the Holy Spirit that was with you or directing? What emotions did you feel in that moment?

What does your life look like knowing you belong to God? What have you had to give up? What have you gained?

Jesus does not pray for the removal of oppositions or trials. This is because trials have the ability to help us grow in spiritual maturity, as well as we often see the will of God once we have come through the other side of our trials. What trials has God and the Holy Spirit empowered you to endure? How did you feel once the trial had passed? How can we share this as part of our testimony?

Where have you seen the unity of our community? How do we remain faithful together? How can we remain one church even though we can be divided by geography or differences in traditions? Where is God calling us to reconcile our differences and forgive one another?

Application

As Jesus tells us, following Him is not a venture to be taken on alone. Being in community helps us share our burdens and also provides us with accountability. What are you still trying to accomplish solo? What are you refusing to hand over to Jesus? Why?

Following Christ gives us not only an identity, but a purpose. What purpose has Jesus placed in your life? How has your purpose evolved over time?

Where are you sharing life and where can you go deeper? Where are you sharing Christ and where should you be sharing Christ? Who are you serving and are you serving those Jesus is calling you to serve?

What storms of life are you going through right now? How can you call upon our community to help you? If you are not currently going through a storm, how can you serve others that are?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of community. Thank you for a community that serves so freely, gives so freely, and loves so freely. Lord, we pray that we continue to share life, share your Gospel, and serve others. The church walls and community are not something to hide behind, but somewhere to be sent from and return to when we need respite. Lord, we pray that you continue to empower us through your Holy Spirit, so we may serve you and live our lives in unimaginable joy.