



“A Closer Look” at John 17:20-26

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John 17:20–26 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.²⁴ Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.²⁵ Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

1. Some background on Jesus prayer:
 - a. When did he pray it?
 - b. Where did he pray it?
 - c. How do the circumstances surrounding this prayer affect the way you hear and regard it?
2. In the verses prior to our text, Jesus has been praying for the twelve. In the verses of our text, the emphasis shifts. Explain.

3. Describe the union that exists between God the Father and God the Son? What comfort can we draw from this union?

4. Agree or disagree and why? “Unity” is the necessary goal of Jesus saving work.

5. How does God use the unity we have with him to draw unbelievers to Christ? (vv. 22 & 23)

6. What is God’s glory? (When answering, consider what Jesus says of this glory in vv. 22 & 24.)

7. Who are those that God the Father “has given” to Jesus? (cf. Ephesians 1:3-12, Romans 8:28-30, Acts 13:48). How can the truth expressed in the Scripture encourage and embolden our Christian witness?

8. In the 1999 film, *The Sixth Sense*, young Cole Sear (Haley Joel Osment) sees “dead people.” How can something similar be said of us Christians? What, if any, impact does this have on our lives?