

clearest impact; lack of unity among Christians frequently drives people away.

- Are you helping to unify the body of Christ, the church?

You can pray for other Christians, avoid gossip, build others up, work together in humility, give your time and money, exalt Christ, and refuse to get sidetracked arguing over divisive matters.

- In what practical ways can you demonstrate your oneness with other believers?

WHEN: **Saturday, March 28th!**

WHERE: **Meet @ the Church**

TIME: **9a - 'til we're done**

This event is perfect for any guy who enjoys Mountain Biking on off-road trails; and doesn't mind dust, sweat, bandages, and power-bars. These rides do require some endurance, bike handling skills, and self-reliance. Don't forget to bring water!

Register with Pastor Bill...or we'll leave without you!

PROPER RIDING GEAR & REPAIR KITS ARE REQUIRED!



Stay after church on March 29th

Welcome to Spring BBQ

*Hamburgers & Hotdogs
salad, chips, drinks & desert*

\$3 per person - 5 & under free!

Sign-up at the back of the church

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FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL
Message #32
John 17:1-26

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Jesus' Prayer

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF

John 17:1-5; John 1:14; Philippians 2:9-11; Matt 28:18; Colossians 2:15

GLORIFIED = to **reveal** or **show** something's hidden values
... We have seen his glory, ... full of grace and truth. - John 1:14

The cross revealed Jesus is **Lord** - and He is **Savior**

Why did Jesus asked to be glorified?

[John 1:3; 1 Cor.8:6; Col.1:15-17; Heb.1:2]

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES

John 17:6-19; Luke 23:34

Was Jesus concerned for the world? **Yes**

Jesus asks God to watch over them **while He's gone**

You must maintain a loving relationship **with Him**

SANCTIFICATION = to set apart for a **specific purpose**

For what purpose did God make man?

JESUS PRAYS FOR ALL BELIEVERS

John 17:20-26; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

His prayer was that we would **belong to** one another

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Intimacy with our God is the key to your **vitality** & fruitfulness

Next week: "Peter's Denial" John 18

Community Group Homework

For the week of March 15, 2009

This week is the final meeting of the Winter Pre-Launch. The official launch of Community Groups begins with the Spring Quarter which will meet for 9 weeks beginning the week of April 5, and goes through June 4.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of Scripture that most challenged, confused or caught your attention?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What kind or type of people would you want around you in a crisis, and why?

2. Check any of the statements below that best describe what typically motivates you to help others who are in need.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Just seeing a need | <input type="checkbox"/> Obeying God's call |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling a tug on your heart | <input type="checkbox"/> Feelings of obligation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bringing someone to faith | <input type="checkbox"/> Being asked to help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> You relate with the need | <input type="checkbox"/> Rewards in Heaven |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Getting something in return | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DIGGING DEEPER

3. If you had to file a report to the Father on Jesus' activities, how would you illustrate verses 6-8?

4. Read Exodus 3:7-10. This is the revelation of God's name that Jesus mentions in John 17:11. What does it reveal about Jesus' power to save?

5. What does Jesus mean by His request in vs. 17?

6. Pastor Bill didn't spend much time discussing vs. 5. Look up the following verses and try to find their common theme.

- John 1:3
- 1 Corinthians 8:6
- Colossians 1:15-17
- Hebrews 1:2

- How do these verses relate to vs. 5?

7. Jesus asked the Father to sanctify his disciples through His word (v. 17). How can we allow God's Word to have that kind of effect on our lives?

TAKING IT HOME

The world hates Christians because our values differ from the world's. Because we don't cooperate with the world by joining in their sin, we are living accusations against the world's immorality. The world follows Satan's agenda, and Satan is the avowed enemy of Jesus and his people. Yet Jesus didn't ask God to take believers out of the world but instead to use them in the world. We shouldn't try to escape from the world, nor should we avoid all relationships with non-Christians

- Read Matt. 5:13-16. Are you doing the work God sent us to do?

Jesus' great desire for his disciples was that they would become one. Christian unity provides an environment for the gospel message to make its