

Digging Deeper: John 17:6–19 – Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Written by Craig Corbin (Elder at MACC)

Day 1

Read John 17:6–19. Today, our focus is on Jesus praying for his disciples. Name at least three things Jesus prays for. Spend time in prayer today about our Lord praying for us. What observations can you make? What is the significance of this entire prayer? Spend time praying back to the Lord the elements of this prayer.

Day 2

Read John 17:6–10. Jesus speaks of “those whom you have given me.” Read John 6:37, Ephesians 1:4, Revelation 17:8 and Acts 18:10. Ponder and meditate today the significance of being one of the Father’s chosen and your name being in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Humble yourself before the throne of God today. Consider also Ephesians 2:8–9.

Day 3

Read John 17:8. Consider the words “they have believed today.” Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13, John 17:6, 7 and 25, John 16:27 and 30, and 1 John 4:14. Spend some time today meditating and praying about “believing” in Christ our Lord. How does this manifest itself in the believer’s life?

Day 4

Read John 17:11. Jesus says that he was returning to the Father. Then he prays for the security of believers in a world hostile to them/us. Today, read Romans 8:31–39 and marvel at what eternal, immutable plans the Father has put in place for His own. Spend the day thanking God for his unfailing love.

Day 5

Read John 17:17. Today our focus is on sanctification. Define what sanctification is. According to this verse, how does sanctification occur? Read also Psalm 1, Ephesians 5:26, 2 Thessalonians 2:13, James 1:21 and 1 Peter 1:22–23. Consider today this vital connection in your growth as a believer in Christ. What can you do today to grow more consistently in Christ and be “set apart” for His purposes?

Day 6

Read John 17:18. Today, consider what it means to be sent. Read Isaiah chapter 6 and chapter 1 and consider the holiness of God and the prophet Isaiah’s reaction. Read also 2nd Corinthians 5:20 and Matthew 28:19–20. Today, consider our role as being sent as ambassadors for Christ. Give some thought to how this applies today in your

life. Who does the Lord want you to speak to today and possibly invite to a Sunday service, Bible study or maybe just to coffee to talk? Pray about your role as an ambassador.