

## VV STUDY NOTES: 19<sup>th</sup> NOV 2022

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### *Praying for the disciples and all believers*

#### **Scriptures: JOHN 17:1-26**

This is the last section, starting in John 14. It focuses on a series of revelations about himself and information and encouragement that will prepare them for what lies ahead. This is totally unique to the gospel of John.

The lines of emphasis are as follows:

1. If you trust in me, you can have peace in your hearts for the future.
2. I am leaving you to prepare that future and will return to bring everything to completion.
3. I will give you as special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as a source of encouragement, empowerment, guidance, and truth. The Spirit will support you even in the face of persecution.
4. Jesus is the Vine, and we are the Branches. The fruit is primarily the ability to love each other as Jesus had love them. This same command is repeated in multiple formats throughout the NT.
5. The world will hate the disciple as it also hated Jesus.
6. Reference to the Holy Spirit and the multiple dimensions of the ministry of the Spirit is revisited again and again throughout the passage: Jn 14:26; 15:26-27; 16: 7-15.

The prayer of JOHN 17 is primarily focused exclusively on the disciples and all believers.

Jn 17: 1-5      **Why does Jesus begin this prayer by focusing on himself?**

Jn 17: 6-19      Why does Jesus specifically say he is “not praying for the world” (v9)?

What is the significance of the references to NAME in (v11-12)?

Why is important for the disciples to be IN THE WORLD, but NOT OF THE WORLD (v13-16)?

Why does he emphasise the concept of SANCTIFICATION (v17-19)?

Jn 17:20-26      Jesus focuses the prayer on all future believers

**What does he hope happens in the lives of all Christians?**

***Has the prayer been answered?***