



## Lesson 22 John 17: 20-26

Welcome to the study table! This is our last episode in the John 17 series. I admit I didn't want these episodes to end. They have been such a gift! Thankful for my favorite Bible teacher, Mary Beth, for reminding me why I love this chapter so much. I hope you've fallen in love with just how simple prayer is through this careful examination of Jesus' prayer.

Beloved, Keep turning back to John 17.

*Linger in the holy of holies every single day.*

Prayer is where we are changed.

When it comes to prayer, stand your ground.

Let's don't let any scheme of Satan or our own nature keep us from praying.

We have a choice.

Let's choose to pray every single day.

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John 17:20-26 His Word before Mary Beth's words.

Jesus has always been thinking of you! Before the world was created, you were on His mind. Jesus prays for your faith right before he dies on the Cross.

When you imagine Jesus thinking of you, how do you feel?

What do you imagine Him thinking?

How do you imagine Him feeling when you are on His mind?

These questions will reveal what you believe about God.

Consider your response to that question and how it compares to John 17.

Read John 17:20-21

Jesus prayed for the lives of the disciples to be a message that will impact others for eternity.

What did Jesus want to happen from the messages of the disciples?

How has your faith been impacted by other people (consider words, actions or lack of action)?

Read Acts 17:24-28. What truths do you see in this passage about God and about your life?

Today we are under the influence of people- real and artificial intelligence. Our lives influence others. There are professional 'Influencers' who impact how people live their daily lives. Consider how you are impacted by others day to day. What comes to mind?

What messages do you send others through your words or actions (consider verbal or non-verbal messages)?

Describe how you hope your life influences others?

What are you doing today to intentionally cultivate that type of influence?

How does that desire compare to how Jesus prayed for the impact of His disciples in v. 20-21?

Read John 17:22-23

What did Jesus pray for in v. 22-23?

How are we reconciled or made one with God? See Romans 5:10-11, 2 Corinthians 5:16-19

Unity is defined as oneness; the state of being made one, a totality of parts. Unity is not conformity. Jesus prayed for spiritual unity, not organizational unity.

Jesus prays for spiritual unity in the family of God which happens after we first are individually united with Christ, reconciled by His sacrificial death.

What truths do you find challenging or encouraging in the following verses when you consider unity among believers:

Psalm 133:1-3

1 Corinthians 12:4-14

Ephesians 4:1-6

Galatians 3:26-29

Colossians 3:12-17

Why did Jesus pray for unity according to John 17:23?

Throughout this prayer, Jesus reveals his heart's desire is for people to know Him and believe in Him. Read John 17:24-26

What does Jesus want according to John 17:24?

Why does Jesus aim to make God the Father known according to John 17:26?

What do you learn about God's love from these verses:

Psalm 136:26

Romans 5:8

Romans 8:37-39

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Ephesians 2:4-5

What does it mean to you that you have always been wanted, desired by God, on His heart and mind as He planned and purposed you and your life now and for eternity?

Re-read John 17. What do you hear God saying to you from each section:

John 17:1-6

John 17:6-19

John 17:20-26

Thanks Mary Beth for guest teaching and writing the Table 2 lessons for John 17. These have been life changing episodes and lessons. I pray God keeps answering Jesus' prayer through all who listen to them.

The influence that Mary Beth has had on my life is an answer to Jesus' prayer. His prayer has been answered over and over by her life of teaching and serving the body of Christ.

May we all be answers to Jesus prayer by being influencers in the world today. Let's tell others about our relationship with Jesus.

Spread unity by cultivating our personal relationship with Jesus.

Keep following the Table Flipper, and leave the table flipping to Jesus.