

Royal Redeemer

Going Deeper Guide

Based on the sermon for June 1, 2025
Jesus Prays



Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week

● CONNECT

- o When someone has prayed for you—really prayed for you—how did it make you feel? Did it change anything for you?

● GROW

“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—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will 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.”

John 17:20-26

- o Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- o What stands out to you in Jesus’ prayer for those who will believe in Him?
- o How does it feel to know Jesus prayed for you specifically?
- o What does Jesus pray for His followers to experience and display in the world?
- o Why does He emphasize “unity” so strongly?
- o What connection does Jesus make between our unity and the world’s belief in Him?
- o What implications does that have for how we relate to one another in the Church?
- o How does Jesus describe the relationship between Himself and the Father? How is that same relationship being extended to us?
- o Jesus says He wants His followers to be with Him and see His glory. What hope or encouragement does that give you today?
- o **Expanding the Theme**
- o **Read Psalm 133** - “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.”
 - o How does this psalm deepen our understanding of what Jesus prayed for?
 - o Why is unity described as a blessing? How have you experienced that?
- o **Read Acts 1:12–26** - “After Jesus’ ascension, the disciples gather in one accord and prepare for what’s next.”
 - o How do you see Jesus’ prayer being lived out here?

- o What does their unity and dependence on prayer show us about life as the early church?
- o What do you notice about their decision-making process in replacing Judas?

- **SERVE**

- Jesus prayed for our unity, love, and shared witness. This week, take one small step to live into His prayer:
 - o Reach out to someone in your church or small group that you've drifted from and check in.
 - o Pray for unity within your community—especially across differences.
 - o Ask God to help you be part of the answer to Jesus' prayer—for His love to be visible in you.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**