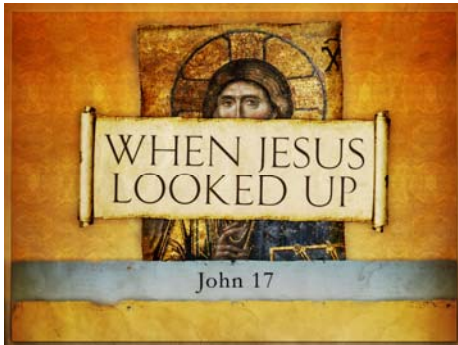


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to involve oneself or become occupied; participate: *engage in conversation*

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“WHEN JESUS LOOKED UP” Part 3 of 3



Personal Prayers

1. Start your small group time off with prayer.
2. Ask for personal prayer request. In other words, have group members share request about them, not friends or family members.
3. Do the same for praises.

Impact List

Have 2-3 people share about people from their impact list.

1. What is the next step in their friendship with that person?
2. How can your small group pray for them?

Close to God

1. Have 2-3 people share what is happening in their “Close to God” time.
2. How have they grown closer to God?
3. How can your small group pray for them?

SERMON TITLE: “Oneness With God”

MAIN POINT/PASSAGE

- ▶ *Oneness with God leads to integrity with man./* John 17:20-26

SERIES REVIEW

- ▶ What have you learned or identified with the most during this series?
- ▶ What is one thing that will stick with you from this series?

STARTING QUESTIONS

- ▶ Has there been a memorable moment in your life that happened only because you had connections with someone?
- ▶ Is there someone you know that seems to have a “connection” to God that you don’t? Explain.
- ▶ What was your initial reaction when Pastor Stu highlighted why Jesus was praying for our oneness with God? (See verses 21-23 & 26) Explain.
- ▶ What fruit should we see in our oneness with God?
- ▶ Pastor Stu believes that the biggest deterrent to people attending church is negativity. Do you agree? What are some others?

DIGGING DEEPER

- ▶ Read 1 John 2:1-11
 - There are 3 characteristics in this passage that John communicates is important in our relationship with Christ: knowing, abiding, and living in the light. What qualifies us to ...
 - Know Him? (vs. 3-5)
 - Abide (remaining) in him? (vs. 6-8)
 - Live in the light? (9-11)
 - Explain how Jesus exemplified these characteristics in His relationship with the Father.
 - If these were test questions, what would a failed exam look like?

APPLICATION

- ▶ Would you pass the test? Explain.
- ▶ How is your oneness with God? What areas do you need to improve?
- ▶ How is your integrity with people?
 - Would people know you follow Christ through your words, actions, and emotions?

