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## PRAY LIKE JESUS: Week 3

### 3.24.13: John 17

#### [warm up]

Think back to your earliest experience with prayer, privately and publically. Discuss how you first learned and experienced prayer.

Remember a time when prayer seemed powerful, really connected to God. Discuss together these special times.

Admit to each other that prayer is or can be a difficult discipline to sustain.

#### [dig in]

In John 17:20-21 Jesus prays for us, those that believe by hearing. He prays for unity, oneness with Him and His Father. How do you feel that He prayed for you? How are you striving for this oneness with others?

The church seems awfully divided. One study said there are 1200 denominations in the U.S. Discuss how all believers can be one church, one united body.

What would you say are 5 teachings or doctrines, that all Christ-followers must agree upon. Discuss your choices.

How does God's royal law, the law of love come into play as we live with the realities of Christian diversity? To what level are you devoted in love to every Christ follower? Discuss.



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Read Romans 5:1-5 with special attention upon verse 5. Since God's love has been given what can be our experience with one another? Are you experiencing the Father's love for yourself and others? Discuss.

In John 17:24, Jesus prays that you and I would come to be with Him in glory. How real does an eternal time with Jesus seem to you? How much do you crave heaven, the everlasting life to come?

## [living it out]

What commitment of time in minutes are you willing to make to daily, secret prayer? Discuss together.

What prayer practice of Jesus are you interested in practicing more?

Read 1 Peter 2:5. How does it feel to be biblically identified as a priest?  
What obligation does this title- a royal priest, raise up in you and your groups of priests? (Life group?)

Commit to pray for one another to come into deeper levels of understanding regarding the power and privilege of prayer.