



That you may believe... **Study Lesson Week 13**

This week's title: Passion Week 3 - One With God - **John 17:1-26**

Highlighted verses:

"Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those you have given Him." **John 17:1-2**

Day 1: Read John 17:1-26

1. **Read John 17:1-26** at least once, jotting down initial observations.

Day 2: Read John 17:1-19

This week is the final study hint and it deals with **application**. Some steps to personal application are: 1) As the *reader* we must *receive the message*. That sounds easy but often the application process stops right here because we are not open to hearing God's Word. Sometimes we simply go through the motion of reading and all the while, in the back of our minds, we are thinking about work, what to have for dinner, helping the kids with their homework, etc.. Sometimes our reception is blocked through disobedience or a secret sin – we may convince ourselves we are getting it but in reality, we don't want to hear what God is telling us. The first step to personal application of the Bible is to *be open to God as he speaks through His Holy Spirit and the Word*. 2) We should *reflect on our own lives*. This is simply *putting the Bible truths and principles into a personal context*. So after determining what the message means, then we must ask "What does this message mean to me?" This second step means "taking it personally," consciously looking for application areas. 3) We then need to identify what we need to change in our lives. This step is really an extension of the previous one. We add to the question in that step with this one, "What change should I make?" This means *being action oriented* – ready and willing to obey God in those areas where the Holy Spirit is convicting us. 4) This last step is to *lay out a plan to make that change*. Some questions to help you get started are: "What should I do right away?" – "Now that I know what God wants me to do, what am I going to do about it?" – "Where must I start?" – "What will be my first step" – before taking action, be sure you pray with an attitude of bringing God glory, being in His will through it all, and giving Him the glory in the end. A final instruction regarding all these hints is that you ask the Holy Spirit to teach and lead you through every step.

1. In **John 17: 1-4**, note how often the word glorify is repeated. According to **John 17:1-4**, who is glorified and how is this accomplished?

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2. In this prayer we are allowed to listen in to an intimate conversation between Jesus and His Father. What is really important to Jesus?

Day 3: Read John 17:20-26

1. What do you learn about unity in these verses?

2. In **Luke 12:51** Jesus says he has come to bring division. Why is this statement in Luke not in conflict with his prayer for unity in **John 17**?

Day 4: Read John 20:31

Consider how **John 17:1-26** relates to John's purpose in writing this Gospel. "*...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name*" (**John 20:31**).

1. How does Jesus describe eternal life in verse 3?

2. From **verses 8 and 21**, what are we to believe?

Day 5: Read John 17:1-26

1. How can you demonstrate unity with other believers?

2. Who does Jesus include in **verse 20**? (See also **Romans 8:34**, **Hebrews 7:25** and **1 John 2:1**). What does this mean for you?