

Day 05 – *January 17*

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Sharing Your Faith with Others
Key Verse: John 17:20

“I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message.” John 17:20

Have you ever found a recipe for the most amazing chilli/Meat Loaf or Spaghetti Sauce that you wanted to share? How about great advice on how to deal with an issue? You know what I mean. We all have had an experience that we want to share. You get excited and want to share with everybody.

How about Jesus? Has He changed your life? Are you excited to share your Jesus with others? I am convicted by asking the same question to myself. I find myself at times making a ton of rational reasons for not sharing my faith to others in our Canadian culture, in our unbelieving society. I know this is hard my friends. But good news, I think Jesus knew it would be hard too. Because He prayed for us. Not only did he pray for the twelve disciples, or the first generation of believers. But us too who have come to know Jesus through another believer.

This passage is part of a prayer that happens after the Last Supper and before Jesus is arrested. Jesus knew what was coming before Him, while the disciples did not yet have a full understanding. Jesus did what commonly was done in Judaism by a leader or a prophet at that time. He had taught and left his last words with the disciples (John 16). This message would usually end with a public prayer which is Chapter 17.

Wow, Jesus is praying for us. With all the things that are yet to happen to Jesus. Jesus is still remembering you and me. That honestly blows my mind that we mattered that much to Jesus, even then. So, what was Jesus prayer for us? “I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

Jesus knew that to spread the gospel, we need first, to be in a relationship with God through Jesus. We also need to be in a relationship with each other. These Two truths are so important because in relationship with God fear is removed and love and boldness are its replacement. God gives all that you need to share the Truth. Because God does not want us to walk alone. Even the disciples were sent out in pairs. We need each other to be strengthened and edified to go out there and share the great news of Jesus Christ. So that we all have an amazing experience of Jesus that we want to share

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Pray and ask God if there are any barriers that prevent you from sharing the Gospel? If there is, what is the major roadblock from you sharing the Gospel?

When you pray, what is God asking on your part, for Him to remove those barriers so that you can share your faith freely?



PRAYER:

Almighty, and Powerful God. You have given us such a great gift of love through Jesus. We ask through Jesus that you remove any roadblock that prevents us from sharing your gospel. Fill us with courage, love for others, and wisdom on how to share. We pray that your love and grace flow through and around us. We pray that with your help, our actions and your words through us, will bring many people to know You and Your Son Jesus. So that we all have an experience of you to share and that we all can rejoice being in your presence for eternity. For your honour and glory through Jesus. Amen.