

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Twenty Five—The Gospel of John Chapter 17:6–26

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1. a) Who are “they” in John 17:6–19?
 - b) To whom did “they” belong and to whom were “they” given?
2. a) How do you **think** Jesus “revealed” the Father in John 17:6?
 - b) According to John 17:6–8, how did “they” react to Jesus’ revelation of the Father?
3. a) What did Jesus pray specifically for in John 17:11?
 - b) Why did they need this? Use John 17:11 for help and note that Jesus calls upon the Holy Father in His request.
 - c) Name three specific areas of attack in your life right now over which Jesus protects you.

4. Re-read John 15:9–11; John 16:20–24; and John 17:13. Jesus repeats Himself regarding our opportunities to experience complete joy. Describe how the knowledge and insight Jesus gives us can lead to joy made full.

5. a) Remember John 8:21–23. What do you **think** Jesus means when He says the disciples are “not of the world, even as I am not of the world” in John 17:14?

b) Name a time you have felt a distinct sense of feeling completely alien though you were not in a foreign environment. How does this part of Jesus’ prayer (John 17:14) cause you to feel comfort or unease?

6. a) Why doesn’t Jesus ask the Father “to take them out of the world” in John 17:15?

b) Write down the definition for the word “sanctify” from the dictionary.

c) In your own words, what must happen in John 17:17 and 19 in preparation for Jesus’ disciples to be sent? (Remember that Jesus prays to the Holy Father in John 17:11).

d) How have you seen God use this study of John to “sanctify” you?

7. In John 17:20–26, who are “they” and “them”?
8. a) In John 17:23, Jesus prays for (one word) _____. What is the outcome according to John 17:23?
- b) Sum up what Jesus says about the love the Father has for Jesus and believers in John 17:23–24 and 26.
9. Describe the message of salvation you see in John 17:23–24.

Going deeper:

10. a) Consider the summation of Jesus’ prayer in John 17:25–26 and His requests for protection, joy, sanctification, unity and love for His disciples and believers. How does Jesus’ prayer change the way you will commit to pray for other believers? If you are not a believer, how does the knowledge of Jesus’ prayer help you understand Him better?
- b) Though Jesus identifies true need for protection in the world, think deeply about your answer in 1(b). To whom do you belong and to whom are you given (if you are not a believer, consider to whom you belong)?

Identify your top three fears and consider how deeply these three fears affect your daily routine, thoughts and future plans.

Write a prayer expressing your feelings about your fears and contrast them to your feelings about belonging to the Father and the Son.

