

John 17: Hearing the heart of Jesus & the gift of intercessory prayer

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” ~ Ephesians 6:18

- * If I were to give you 5 minutes right now to pause and talk to God about yourself and your children, how would you pray?

- * How do we learn to pray in the first place?

“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’” ~ Luke 11:1

- * The Lord’s Prayer and John 17 -- instruction vs. hearing/observation

- * What do we know of Jesus and his disciples leading up to John 17?

Small group study in John 17:1-19 (complete the questions in the chart)

- * Application:
 - o Take some time to think of how Jesus’ prayer for himself and his disciples might be a model for our own prayers for ourselves and our children. (Proceed with some caution here – we are not the Son of God and therefore some aspects of his personal prayer cannot apply to us.)

 - o How might you be encouraged/challenged to pray differently for yourself and your children, if at all?

 - o Don’t forget to thank God for his faithful instruction in the words and example of Jesus!