

Growth Group Questions from Sunday's sermon, 01/09/22, John 17:6-19

- 1) Which of the 7 marks of the church in this passage seem important to you right now in your season of life or with what you are learning or going through in your walk with God right now?

The Church is Made Up Of:

- People Called Out From the World (John 17:6-8)
- People With Biblical Belief in Christ (John 17:6b-8)
- People With a New Identity: Gifted to Jesus, Kept by God (John 17:9-12)
- People of Joy (John 17:13)
- People of Holiness (John 17:14-16, 19)
- People on Mission (John 17:14-16, 18)
- People of the Truth (John 17:17)

- 2) How does being called out from the world (John 17:6) give us purpose in life compared to if we didn't know Jesus?

- 3) How does realizing that Jesus thinks of you not as a "failure" or "disappointment," but as a "gift from the Father" change your identity? (John 17:6-8)

- 4) What are some of the ways that you have seen God "keep" you in response to Jesus's prayer (see John 17:11-12)?

- 5) Jesus acknowledges in His prayer that Judas was not a failure on His or God's part, but Judas was "the son of destruction," prophesied in Scripture.

How does Judas's betrayal fulfill Scripture? See Psalm 41:9, Zechariah 11:12-13, Psalm 109:8, Acts 1:16-20.

(Remember that there are twin truths in the Bible that God is sovereign and yet people are morally responsible for their choices!)

- 6) Which of the 7 marks of the church above, from Question 1, do you need prayer for the most? (Write this down to pray for each other during your prayer time tonight)

If you are having a hard time answering this or you have more time before your sharing/prayer time, think about how you can apply this Scripture passage in being people on mission and also people of the truth—people in the Word.