

# OUTLINE & QUESTIONS

## COMMUNITY.

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JOHN 17:1-20

### Introduction

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ in the World

3. \_\_\_\_\_ by the World

4. \_\_\_\_\_ to the World

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

**Icebreaker:** When and how did you start coming to Christ Community (or your current church home)? What are three things you really like about our church?

1. Read John 17:11. At Christ Community, we often use the word “community” to describe the close relationship that Christ followers experience with each other. But this sermon--and our church's name--use “community” in a different way. How would you define “community” as used in the sermon? What is the synonym for “community” in v.11 (and 18X in this passage)? Why do you think this is an important topic for Jesus to cover in his final teaching at the Last Supper?

2. According to John 14:30, Ephesians 2:2 and I John 5:19, what role does Satan play in this present world and what are the ramifications of this in the life of a Christ follower?

3. Reread John 17:11. Why does Jesus pray for our protection in this verse (hint: last line)? What are some of the divisions among Christ followers today? Someone has said that we must learn to “disagree agreeably”. What is meant by that--and what are some tips for doing it well?

4. Read John 17:12. What is the difference between doubts and deconstruction with regard to our faith? Why do you think Judas deconstructed? Why do you think some professing believers deconstruct today? How can we avoid ending up in a place of destructive deconstruction (hint: v.17)?

5. Read John 17:13. What is Jesus' desire for us? On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate your joyfulness? Explain. What are the biggest joy-busters in your life?

6. Read John 15:10, 11. What are the two sources of joy (per the sermon) in v.10? Explain how each one contributes to our joy. Make a list of practical ways a person might maintain a sense of God's presence throughout the day. Which 2 or 3 of these will you try this week?

7. What are the three ways in which “the world” is used in Scripture? Read John 17:14 and 15:18, 19. What are some wrong reasons to be hated by the world? What are some right reasons to be hated by the world? Which of these have you experienced? Explain.

8. Read Matthew 5:11, 12, 44. How should a Christ follower respond when hated by the world for their faith? Why are each of these responses so hard to do? What might be the positive results of responding in these ways (multiple answers)?

9. Read John 17:18-20. What does “sanctify” mean? Read Mark 10:45. For what two-fold mission was Jesus sanctified and sent into the world? How did he accomplish each of these?

10. In what ways might you accomplish each of the two facets of a Christ follower's mission in the world (lots of examples)? Which of these are you currently doing? Which would you like to start doing?

11. What's your best personal application from this study?