

May 8, 2016
The Priesthood of Prayers

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

LOOK

To know that we are being prayed for is to know that we are loved. A faithful life is full of praying for others and being vulnerable enough to be prayed for.

1. Tell about a recent time in your life when you felt the need to pray for someone else. Why was it so urgent?
2. Describe a time when you were prayed for. What did that mean for you? How were you sustained by that prayer and the person/people praying for you?

BOOK John 17:20-26

Just before the utter betrayal of all the people Jesus came to serve, he prays fervently for them.

1. What are the major themes of Jesus' prayers for the disciples?
2. Why is unity so important to our mission as followers of Christ?
3. How are we "made known" to God and each other?
4. In the words of Tina Turner, "What's love got to do with it?" (count the number of times the word love is used in this passage!)

TOOK

Choose one of the following activities or create your own to do with your covenant group for the **TOOK** this week:

1. Pair off and pray for each other. Spend 1-2 minutes sharing requests and then pray aloud for each other.
2. Pair off and pray the Lord's prayer using your partner's name in place of "us".
3. Pray in a circle chain: each one prays for the person on their right until everyone is prayed for.