

THE STORY Q's

THE YEAR OF BIBLICAL LITERACY

7-5

I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU

LAST WORDS



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Read John 17 together.

- Q1** In this prayer, Jesus states, “I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me.”
According to John 17, what indicates that someone belongs to Christ? Look back at verses 6-8.
- Q2** Glance back through John 17 and observe some of the ways Jesus talks about our relationship to the “world.” (“In the world,” “of the world,” “given out of the world,” “sent into the world”)... How do we make sense of this?
- A** **What does it mean to be sent into the world, but not be of the world?**
- B** **What is the nature of your relationship to the world right now?** Give a specific example.
- Q3** Jesus prays for us, that “all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.” Today, it’s estimated that there are over 40,000 different Christian denominations!*
- A** **Does this mean we are failing in pursuing unity?**
Why or why not?
- B** **What does unity look like for the global church? For the local church? For Church on the Hill?**
Hint: consider the difference between unity and uniformity.

UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

Read Ephesians 4:1-7, Philippians 2:1-8, and Colossians 3:12-17.

Q4 According to Paul, what is necessary for unity in the Spirit?

Q5 Jesus prays for unity, but he also prays for truth: "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

- A** Have you ever felt that pursuing truth and pursuing unity were at odds?
- B** Keeping in mind Paul's words in the passages above, how do we as Christians pursue both unity with one another and truth in accordance with the Scriptures?

UNITY IN ACTION

Take a few minutes in your group to pray for the unity of Church on the Hill, churches in Salem, and the global Church.