



## **In the Flesh – John 17**

March 17 | Weekly Devotionals

### **Section 1: Introduction**

Today, we are entering into John 17 and talking about Jesus final moments before his betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion.

In John 17, Jesus prays for himself, his disciples, and all future believers. He expresses his desire for unity among his followers, emphasizing the importance of them being one just as he and the Father are one. Jesus prays for the disciples' protection, sanctification, and mission in the world. He speaks of the world's hatred towards believers and seeks the Father's intervention in keeping them safe. The chapter concludes with Jesus expressing his longing for all believers to be with him in glory, experiencing the fullness of his love.

**Read all of John 17** and note down any words or phrases that resonate with you along the way.

## Section 2: Spend time in your passage

*Engage with John 17 prayerfully.*

- What specific requests does Jesus make in his prayer for his disciples?
- What role does unity play in Jesus' prayer, and why does he emphasize it?
- How does Jesus address the challenges and opposition that his disciples will face in the world?
- What insights can be gained about the relationship between Jesus and the Father through this prayer?

## Section 3: Reflection questions

- How does Jesus' prayer for unity among believers challenge your attitudes towards other Christians and the Church?
- In what ways do you prioritize and seek the sanctification and spiritual growth of yourself and other fellow believers?
- Reflecting on the idea of being in the world but not of the world, how do you navigate being a Christian in today's society? Where is it easy? Where is it hard? Where do you need God's help?

- Consider Jesus' longing for believers to be with him in glory. How does this impact your perspective on the challenges and struggles you face in the present?

#### **Section 4: Pray the Scriptures**

Using John 17 and your reflections, write out a prayer in response to your time in God's Word today.

#### **Section 5: Memorize Scripture**

Throughout this series, we want to be memorizing Scripture. Use the prompts below to help you get John 17 into your heart and mind.

1. Write out John 17:25-26 in your journal.
2. Memorize John 17:25-26. Use various techniques to memorize the passage, such as repeating it out loud, creating visual associations, or setting it to a melody or rhythm in order to commit these verses to memory.
3. Regularly review the passage throughout the week. Recite it from memory and reflect on its meaning and significance.