Message: "Jesus Prayed for You"

Scripture: John 17:13-21 (01-05-25 Pastor Tony Hao)

In John 17, we hear what Jesus says when He talks to the Father. Just before going to the cross, in His final moments with His disciples, our Lord allows us to listen to His intimate conversation and heartfelt longings before the Father.

Knowing He will soon physically leave this world, three things our Lord prays for those who follow Him. He prayed for our protection, our sanctification, and our unity. Knowing these are among the last words of our Lord, we need to realize how precious and important they are for us.

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

- 1. What gift have you received or given that still warms your heart or brings a smile?
- 2. What does Jesus mean by His request in 17:17? Who and what is the focus of this prayer? Toward what end?
- 3. What does Jesus' ultimate desire reveal about His love for us?
- 4. How are your prayers for others like and unlike Jesus' prayer? Do your prayers reflect the important needs that people have?