**Fellowship Community Group Discussion Guide**

Week of January 28

Our Mission Part 3; John 17

**Opening Connection: *Go around the room and ask each person to give their name and answer. The Discussion Leader is welcome to make up a question.***

* Tell us about your siblings, how many, where they are now, and what do they do?
* What is one memorable birthday of yours, and why was it memorable?
* What is one activity/hobby you have done in the past which you wish you could do again?
* If someone else paid the fare, would you rather travel cross country in a plane, a train, or an automobile, and why?
* What is one quality you hope our community knows about Fellowship Church?

**Sermon Text and Content** **Question Ideas: *Discuss the content of the text and ask your own follow-up questions as the discussion unfolds.***

* Ask someone to read John 17:1-5. Talk about the glory of God BEFORE the world was created. How would you describe it?
* Discuss the concept of the “glory of God.” How would you summarize what it means?
* Look over John 17:6-19. What did Jesus say to the Father about His disciples?
* Ask someone to read John 17:20-24. Who exactly is He praying for?
* What are the things Jesus prayed for, for the Church, in this passage?
* How can the Church be one, as the Father is in the Son and the Son is in the Father? Is this even possible? Can the Church be “perfectly one” as Jesus prayed?
* Why does the oneness in the Church enable the world to believe Jesus is from the Father?
* Did you know that Jesus gave His glory to the Church (verse 22)? What does this mean?

**Discussion/Application Question Ideas: *Focus now on applying the content of the message.***

* How is merely “getting along” different than what Jesus is praying for, for His Church?
* In what ways can we demonstrate the spiritual reality of our oneness in God?
* WHY did Jesus give glory to the Church? What are we supposed to do with it?
* Explain how displaying the glory of Jesus should be what the local Church does.
* Do you believe God loves the Church in the same way He loves the Son? How would believing this impact how you think about the Church?
* How can you live in the Church with a unified will, rather than each wanting their own way?
* How can we demonstrate diversity of persons, while maintaining biblical unity?
* What are some ways we can display to the world that we are LOVED by God?
* Why is it so important that the Church remains IN PERSON to display the glory of God to the world?
* Are there ways you can grow in your love for the glory of God? How?

**Prayer Together**

* Ask for a volunteer to be the last person to pray, and have a time of prayer together, with a few different people praying.
* Pray for Fellowship Church to fulfill our mission, and to display the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ in every phase of our lives.
* Pray for our oneness to prove to the world that Jesus is from the Father.