



Accept Reality

John 17:6-19

Weekend of June 13-14, 2020

NorthRidge Value of the Week

Openness - We value warmth and friendliness, as we seek to welcome people into the church.

Sermon Summary

In this section, Jesus prays for the team that is on the field. That team was the 12 in that moment. It is you and me today. The Church is in a battle not on a picnic. There are certain realities we need to come to grips with and responses we need to have to those realities. Jesus prays about those realities. In doing so he shows us how to pray so that we are ready to meet the reality of our mission in this world. Effective churches accept this reality. This week we learn the reality of our situation and get equipped to face it.

Discussion Questions

What was the best team experience that you've ever been a part of?

Ben's working definition for *The World* in the context of this passage:

- *A system that operates in active rebellion to God.*

READ John 17:6-19

Here is the breakdown of this passage:

1. He Prays for our Unity
2. He Prays for our Joy
3. He Prays for Protection from the Evil One
4. He Prays for Our Holiness

Discuss each of these areas individually and consider the following:

1. How do you see these things playing out in the Church today?
2. What role does the local church (in our case, NRF) take in this?



Jesus prays that there would be UNITY between us and the entire Church (no matter the demographics) like there was unity between Him and the Father!

What action can you take to help promote unity in the Church?

Sermon Response Question

Will you pray for our unity, joy, protection from the evil one and our holiness? Which of these prayers needs your focus?

Memory Passage

Isaiah 41:10 – “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

Verses We Read Together in Worship

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Songs We Sang Together in Worship

Reaching for You
Same Power
Jesus, I Believe
Do it Again

