

The Enemy Within
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Notes

Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion

1. Read John 17:8-11.

In this passage, Jesus is praying for His disciples, not just the 11 who were with Him at the moment, but all who would follow Him throughout history. What does Jesus ask the Father to do? What is He most concerned about?

2. Read John 17:18.

What did the Father send Jesus into the world to do?

What does Jesus send us, His followers, into the world to do?

How do we fulfill the mission that Jesus has given us?

3. Read John 17:20-21.

What does Jesus mean when He says that He and the Father are one?

What does it mean for followers of Jesus to be one, just as the Father and the Son are one?

Why is unity in the church so important?

4. Read John 17:23.

How is unity between people with different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives, even possible?

In your experience, what kinds of things (secondary issues) threaten the unity of the church?

What happens to our credibility when we allow secondary matters to take precedence over our primary mission of representing Jesus to others?

5. Read John 13:34.

What is Jesus' commandment? Is it optional?

In what ways are you intentionally obeying this commandment of Jesus? In what ways are you falling short or ignoring it?

Questions/Commitments to consider:

Will you pledge loyalty to THE King over your country?

Will you keep secondary issues from becoming primary for you?

Will you refuse to demonize anyone for any reason?