

## King Jesus Prayed for ....

### John 17

#### Background information:

- Although the model prayer that Jesus prayed in response to one of his disciple's request that Jesus teach them how to pray is commonly referred to as "The Lord's Prayer," that prayer is an example of how prayer may be done rather than an example of how Jesus typically prayed.
- There are several different kinds of prayers: (A few common examples are listed below)
  - corporate prayers that invoke and/or invite God to take an active role in the worshipping community (invocation)
  - prayers requesting God to deliver, protect and/or provide for you and yours (personal petition)
  - prayers for God to act on behalf of someone else (intercessory)
  - prayers to let God know you appreciate what God has done (thanksgiving)

#### Getting Into the Word:

1) Who/What does Jesus pray for in John 17?

2) Why do you think Jesus prays for whom/what you identified in question 1?

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3) What does Jesus' prayer tell you about how God wants God's church to be?

4) How can you become an active participant in making Jesus' prayer become reality within the fellowship of believers in which God has placed you?