

Discussion Questions for “Three Ones: One Prayer”
John 17:20-26, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of January 3rd & 4th, 2026

Sermon Outline

Three ways Jesus prays for us:

1. Our unity with other believers (vv. 21-23).
2. Our entrance into His eternal presence (v. 24).
3. Our knowledge of God (vv. 25-26).

Two observations on Jesus’ prayer for us:

1. See Jesus’ concern for those that don’t know Him.
2. See how Jesus’ concern turns into prayer.

One response to Jesus’ prayer for us:

1. Commit to “one prayer”.

Three Ones: One prayer, One conversation, One story.

Sermon Questions

1. Why is Christian unity so important to Jesus (vv. 20-23)?
2. What’s the difference between *unity* and *uniformity*?
 - a. Why is this distinction critical in our pursuit of unity?
 - b. Thinking of your LIFE Group, of friends at other churches, etc.: What are some practical steps you can take to pursue Christian unity in 2026?
3. How does Jesus’ prayer in verse 24 *comfort* you?
4. *Who and what* did Jesus use in your life to make Himself known to you?
5. What can we learn from the fact that Jesus spends some of His last hours before the cross *praying* for those who don’t yet know Him?

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6. What things tend to hold us back from being concerned for those who don't yet know Christ?
 - a. How can we address that?
 - b. And how can we positively cultivate a heart for those who aren't yet saved?
7. *Who* will be the focus of your “one prayer” in 2026?
 - a. That is, who will you be praying for to come to Christ?
 - b. What can you do to make sure that you’re in the habit of regularly praying for this person?
8. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?