




The High Priestly Prayer: A Healed People

John 17:6-10

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read John 17:6-10. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Ray said the church is a "house of healing". What kinds of things do people find healing for in church? How have you been healed in church?
- 2 What was your one main/big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

A PEOPLE HEALED BY PURSUIT

- 3 Everyone wants to be wanted, desired, pursued. How does knowing that God wants you and has pursued you affect the way you think about your relationship with Him?
- 4 "None of us would belong to him without his pursuit." How do we know that statement is true? What are the implications of believing that it is true?

A PEOPLE HEALED BY TRUTH

- 5 Thomas Jefferson said, “It’s not your creed, it’s your deed.” What is wrong with his assertion? Why are deeds alone inadequate for proving true Christian faith?
- 6 What is the fundamental truth, or creed, upon which Christianity is based?

A PEOPLE HEALED BY PRESENCE

- 7 Jesus is always interceding for us. Like with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, God is with us through the fiery trials of life. Are you in the furnace right now? When was the last time you were in the furnace? How do you sense God’s presence in the furnace?
- 8 Read and discuss Romans 8:34-35.

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?