

Paradox 7: In the World, but not of It

John 17:6-19

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1. Of all the different elements of the “Greater Things” 35th Chapel Birthday Celebration Service, What had the most impact on you or was most memorable? Why? **Open Answer.**
2. Read the prayer of Jesus in John 17:1-26. How does Jesus define eternal life? **To know Jesus; to be in a relationship with God.** What do we learn about Jesus from eavesdropping on his prayer to His Father? **He was in the beginning with the Father, Jesus was obedient to His father, Jesus is loved by the Father, He is going to Heaven to receive glory, He and the Father are in complete unity.**
3. In John 17:15 what is Jesus’ prayer for His disciples? **Not that God would take us out of the world but that He would protect us from the evil one.** What does that prayer mean? **That God would protect us while we remain in this world.** What does this prayer mean to you? **Open Answer.** In John 17:11, what is Jesus’ strategy for our protection after He leaves this earth? **That God the Father would protect us by the power of His name-so we can be unified.**
4. Read John 17:13-18. What can we expect as citizens of Heaven living on earth? **The world will hate us.** What does it mean to be sanctified? **To be in the process of being set apart from this world while still in it.** What tools did Jesus leave behind for our sanctification? **The Holy Spirit and the Word.**
5. Bill proclaimed, “There is no meaningful work. We must bring meaning to our work.” What meaning are we to bring to work according to this passage? **We are to use work to glorify God. Work is an act of worship. Our work is the same as Jesus, to bring the message of eternal life to those in our world.** Do you feel that tension in your own life between menial work and meaningful work? **Open Answer.**
6. What are your thoughts/reactions about the opening story on pages 109-110 about the Chinese orphanage? **Open answer.**
7. Go over the questions 1-4 on pages 111-112. **Answers on page 136.**
8. Go over the questions on 119-120.
9. Review the whole study of the Kingdom of God. What are your action points?

Pray together and decide how your group is going to proceed as you finish the Kingdom of God study.