

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.



# Sermon Study

Prayers of Christ: His Disciples  
John 17:6-19

## vision

Eastview  
Christian  
Church is a  
fearless church  
of Christ  
followers whose  
ridiculous love  
and dangerous  
witness are  
irresistible.



*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

**Gather** (your group getting to know each other)

How's your prayer life? Share honestly with the members of your group.

**Go**  
(your group on mission)

What unbeliever can you begin praying for this week? Can you model parts of John 17 in your prayers?

**Grow** (your group growing as Christ-followers)

**Key Scripture**

“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.” (John 17:17, ESV)

**Key Word Study**

The Greek word for “sanctify” is **ἀγιάζον** which literally means “to separate from things profane and dedicate to God.” The basic way we do this today is by immersing ourselves in the Word of God and letting it penetrate our hearts and minds.

**Discussion**

1. Have someone begin the discussion time by leading the group in prayer, then read John 17:6-19 aloud.

2. What did Jesus do with the message of the Father, and what did the disciples do as a result? (vs. 8)

3. What specifically does Jesus pray for His disciples? Why would He pray for their protection?

4. According to vs. 11, what might be lost without this protection? What danger did the disciples face once Jesus was not with them?

5. What are some extremes Christians face in regards to their relationships to the world? Which one(s) do you struggle with today?

6. What reason did Jesus give for what He had taught (vs. 13)? Where else had He stated this?

7. What do we learn about God the Father’s power and what He does for us from vs. 11, 15, & 17?

8. What does it mean to be sanctified? Explain the connection between sanctification and truth. What is the believer’s role in this process? What are ways you can cooperate with the Holy Spirit to become more like Christ?

**Give**  
(your group serving each other)

Consider what Jesus wanted to teach all of us by praying this prayer aloud. Take the time to share prayer requests and pray one for another.