



## John 17:20-26

### The Big Picture

- The Altar of Incense was the last element of the Tabernacle before the veil to the Holy Place. The incense produced a pleasing aroma to the priests, but it represents what is a pleasing aroma to God: prayer.
- John 17 contains the longest recorded prayer from Jesus, and in it He prays for us. Today we will study what He prayed for and how it applies to this day.

#### 1. When is it easy to work together with someone?

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When is it difficult?

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When was a time you experienced or witnessed unity—different people operating together for a common goal?

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#### 2. Take a moment and consider that Jesus was praying for you in John 17:20-26. **How does this make you feel?**

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According to this passage, what did He want from those who believe in Him?

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How do you think that understanding God's glory helps us be unified?

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3. What can make being unified with other believers difficult?

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If the differences are in areas like doctrine, how do we know when to put the differences aside?

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How does focusing on Christ help us figure out the best way to work together for the Gospel?

4. How does knowing Jesus' will for His followers—that we all be one—affect how you treat those around you?

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How does it inspire you to share the Gospel?

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How does it affect how you interact with people you might disagree with?

## Response

- What is one relationship in your life that will benefit from Christ's prayer for you—that those who believe in Him should be one? How can you pursue unity with those around you for the sake of Christ?

