



## **ABIDE | April 29**

### **Opening Up:**

- Do you like to haggle? Explain.
- Is it hard for you to ask people for things? Explain.
- What is the biggest ask you have ever made? Explain. (i.e. work life, relationships, or prayer)

### **Reference:** John 17

### **Discuss:**

1. What stuck out to you in the sermon this week?
2. John 17 records a prayer of Jesus. How is your prayer life?
3. What is hard about prayer?
4. Does anyone have any suggestions for having deeper relationship with God through prayer?
5. Jesus prays for:
  1. Himself (17:1-5)
    - i. What do you need prayer for?
    - ii. How can the answer to this prayer bring glory to God and help you love someone else or even share the gospel?
    - iii. In verse 4 Jesus has accomplished the work the Father had given him. What work has God given you?
  2. His Missionaries (17:6-19)
    - i. Jesus describes a life that is “in” but not “of” the world. How does the Christian live in this tension?
    - ii. Jesus prays for those who have been “sent.” To whom has God sent you? For what purpose?
    - iii. Pray for Ciudad de Gracia, Shine, and the mission of New City to see “all things made new.”
  3. His Church (17:20-24)
    - i. A significant focus in the prayer of Jesus is for the church to be one “that the world may believe.” (17:21) How can you pursue unity at New City Church?
    - ii. How does a lack of a commitment to a local church hinder the the unity of the church, as a whole, in the city?
    - iii. Pray for New City and other churches in the city.

10. Pray