

Discussion and Reflection Questions

6th Sunday of Easter - 10th of May 2026

Read: John 17:6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Questions

1. Jesus speaks about the disciples as those the Father has “given” him (v6, 9). What does this tell us about our identity and value in God’s eyes, especially in moments of vulnerability?
2. Jesus prays, “protect them” rather than “take them out of the world” (v15). Why do you think Jesus does not ask for his followers to escape the world?
3. Jesus says the world hated the disciples because they did not belong to the world (v14). In what ways can following Jesus make a you vulnerable socially, emotionally, spiritually, or culturally today?
4. How can joy (v17) coexist with vulnerability, struggle, or opposition?
5. How does truth help ground and strengthen us when life feels uncertain or fragile?
6. What does it mean to be “set apart” for God while still living in an imperfect world?
7. What do you think Jesus teaches about experiencing “life in all its fullness” even when life feels vulnerable?

Prayer

Faithful God, who have redeemed us and called us by name. Your Son Jesus Christ prayed for us in the midst of the world's challenges: hold us close, aware of your deep care, that in trials we may not lose heart but trust in your sustaining grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.