

## St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

*EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, June 1, 2025*

### Reading: John 17:20-26

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's YouTube channel. This week, we consider what it means to be one with Christ, and to be one with all those in Christ. Click here: <https://youtu.be/SEmjnpkZdYA> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

### Three Points

- This week's reading starts with an amazingly simple, and incredibly profound thought. Jesus has been praying for his disciples, that they would know Jesus as having been sent by God, that God would protect them, and send them out. Then he prayed: "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one." (John 17:20-21)
- Jesus prays "The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one." (John 17:22) And Jesus prays that "the world may believe that [God] has sent him" (John 17:23)
- "I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them." (John 17:26)

### Two Questions

- Commentators are willing to say it: these words, known as the "High Priestly Prayer," can be tough to decipher. If you have a Bible handy, read all the verses together. What does it mean to you? What jumps out from the seemingly semi-circular prayer?
- Do you see this amazing event? Jesus, 2,000 years ago, prayed for you. For you personally! Are you not one who has come to know and love Jesus through the disciples' word? Can you feel the sense of "one-ness" Jesus was describing in the prayer, knowing that Jesus reached across time to pray on your behalf?

### Action Step

- Say a prayer for "one-ness" in the world! Jesus said it himself – spreading Jesus' word is meant to make us one, not just amongst ourselves, but with and in the love of Christ!

*Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?*

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!