

SERMON REFLECTIONS

Jesus's Parting Prayer

John 17 | 25 October 2026 | Pastor Luke Yan

Sermon Reflection Questions

1. As you read through John 17, take the perspective of one of the disciples who was present. What might you feel as you hear Jesus praying about His impending departure and the troubles you are about to face? Does this prayer bring you discomfort or assurance?

Now imagine yourself as the same disciple a few weeks later. Jesus was crucified and has resurrected and ascended into heaven. As you recall His prayer for you just before His crucifixion, what are some thoughts/feelings that arise?

2. Jesus desired for God to fortify the disciples in faith amidst opposition from the world. Share about moments when you have witnessed opposition to our Christian faith and how you responded. This could be something you experienced personally or have seen others go through.

Jesus's prayer was not for God to remove opposition, but to strengthen the disciples spiritually. Because the disciples and early church endured in faith, the Gospel spread powerfully into the world. What do you normally pray for when you face or observe opposition against our faith? How might Jesus's prayer and the early church's example change or affirm the way you pray?

Our Vision

To be disciples of Jesus Christ

Our Mission

To make disciples who love God, love one another and love the lost



SERMON REFLECTIONS

3. Jesus desired for God to sanctify the disciples in sacrificial love amidst worldly temptations to seek our own comforts, ambitions, and achievements. Share about instances where God has called you to live sacrificially for the needs of others. How did you respond, and what was the outcome?

Are there areas of your life where God might be calling you to sacrificial love today? What would help you to obey His calling?

4. Jesus desired for God to unify the church against worldly tendencies towards disunity and division. In what ways have you experienced division in the church? How do you think this impacts our witness for the Gospel? This could be in BMC or in the wider church.

In His prayer, Jesus provided two key points to attain unity amidst our diversity: for us to be in Christ, sharing a common identity as His body, and for us to have Christ in us, allowing His presence to draw us together. What might this look like practically in our church?

5. As we seek to fulfil Jesus's desires in our lives and our church, we believe that God will be glorified in our lives. Take some time to pray for our church, that we will always fix our eyes on Christ and focus on doing what pleases Him.

Our Vision

To be disciples of Jesus Christ

Our Mission

To make disciples who love God, love one another and love the lost

