

Sermon Discussion Questions – October 6, 2024
Stephen Jones – John 17:6-19 – Jesus’ Irresistible Call to the Nations

Opening Question: Share a cross-cultural relationship you have had. What are some things you have learned from it?

1. Jesus is a Cataract Surgeon – 17:6
 - How has our broken condition blinded “the eyes of our hearts” from seeing things from God’s point of view? (You might check out Romans 1:18-32 for a significant description of this.) Who is one person for whom you pray Jesus would reveal himself?
 - Christians need their eyes opened as well! Look at Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 1:16-19. How does Paul pray for their eyes to be enlightened? How do your eyes need to be opened to God’s hope, riches and power?

2. Jesus is a Generous Negotiator – 17:9-12
 - Everything the Father owns, Jesus owns. And we are co-heirs with Christ! What does it mean for you to be “kept in Jesus’ name” (v. 11-12)?
 - How does the position of being “kept in Jesus’ name” give us boldness to “ask, seek and knock” before God (Luke 11:9-13)?
 - What is something your Community Group can join you in asking before the Father?

3. Jesus is the Embassy Manager – 17:14-19
 - Jesus saves us not to be take us out of the world (that hates us) but to be sent into the world. What does this mean to you?
 - Using the illustration of his son’s PJs that glowed in the dark, Stephen said, “It is when we are in the darkness that we need Jesus the most. In the darkness we experience the joy and work of God.” Describe a time when being in a dark situation revealed the presence and work of God in your life. Who is a person or persons going through a dark time now that your Community Group can pray would experience the joy and work of God?