

## THE SHARING GOD

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Finding Jesus, Finding Life part 50

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**BIG IDEA: Jesus prays in our hearing to reveal the nature of God, to invite us into the relationship they share, and to entrust us to the Father's care.**

<sup>6</sup> "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. <sup>8</sup> For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

### 1. God SHARES.

**John 3:16** (14:16; 14:27; 4:14; 10:28)

"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had." **Acts 4:32**

<sup>11</sup> And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded (kept watch) them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

"they have kept your word... they have received the words you gave me." **John 17:6, 8**

### 2. Jesus wants us to RECEIVE and KEEP his words.

"treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." **Luke 2:19**.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" **Col. 3:16** ESV

### 3. Jesus prays for his FOLLOWER'S PROTECTION.

"Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one." **Mt. 6:13**

### 4. Jesus prays for protection of our UNITY with each other and with the Father.

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."

**Ephesians 4:3** NLT

<sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

<sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

### 5. God's Truth received creates JOY, a new otherworldly IDENTITY which SETS YOU APART from the world.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." **Rom. 12:2**