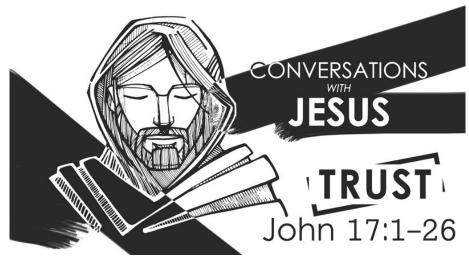
Oceanside Connect Group Outline Week of October 18th 2015



Key Scripture

John 17:20-26, ESV

believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Discussion questions from this week's sermon

A lot of us grow up and get to know Jesus differently. Is the way Church, Sunday School, and Christian media presented Jesus to you representative of what He might actually have been like when He was on the Earth?

If you're honest – what do you think your stereotypical ideas of Jesus are? Are there any ways in which they need to change?

We often lean on our understanding of Jesus being God more easily than thinking of Him as a human man in the gospels. What issues arise if we lean on one understanding more than the other?

If Jesus was fully human while still being fully God, what things strike us as most profound about His life? e.g. Luke 2:52

Jesus, right before He is about to be betrayed and killed, insists that His future followers "may all be one ... that they may also be in us". Why did Jesus choose such a prominent hour in His life to pray this?

If the reason that Jesus walked in such wisdom, power, and authority came from His full dependency with God the Father before ascending back into Heaven - are the same opportunities that Jesus had open for us as believers? e.g. John 14:12

Jesus also ties being one with Him and Father God into "so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me." **How can our authentic relationship with God immediately impact the world?** (Jesus gives no middle steps here, just one then the other)

Take Home

Becoming "one" with or fully dependant on God can be somewhat of an abstract concept for us. In what different ways can we work towards it? Or, do we already have it to some extent?