

# Oceanside Connect Group Outline

## Week of October 18<sup>th</sup> 2015



### Key Scripture

John 17:20-26, ESV

<sup>20</sup> “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> 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?**