

“Recognizing You Are Not Home Yet”

John 16:32-17:26

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1. Live for God’s Glory – v. 1

Jesus was ferociously devoted to the Glory of God. It led him to this earth in the form of man. It led him throughout his life towards worship and obedience. And even now, it leads him to the horrible death on the cross.

While the cross Jesus bore was once and for all, we have the opportunity every day to live for God’s glory in all things. If we love what Jesus loves, than God’s glory will be in our sights.

2. Stay Focused on God’s Mission – v. 15-19

We are not from this world.

We are to be sanctified.

We are sent with the message of the Gospel.

3. Take Care to Live Like God’s People – v. 21

We do not seek unity for the sake of unity, but for the sake of the mission.

“Jesus’ main priority, as He goes towards His death, is that His Father should accomplish His eternal plan, reversing the effects of the Fall and calling together a people who will belong to Him forever. The major impact of this upon us, therefore, should be to challenge our understanding of Jesus’ mission and purpose. If this priority is His major concern and chief goal on earth it should be ours too. His prayer for His apostles and for us should focus the challenge for us: is our unity grounded in the apostles’ message? Are we ‘one’ in the Father and the Son, so gripped by, united in and obedient to His gospel purpose that the world around us is being impacted by our witness?”

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