

In seeking to practice community, have you made any plans to invite someone for a meal, a coffee or a walk?

In thinking about community last week we focused upon what makes and shapes us in being a community together. This time, we want to draw upon our calling as a community partnering in God's mission.

What do you find helpful when it comes to joining in God's mission together?

Read John 17:13-21

1. What emotions or themes does Jesus express in verse 13 when He speaks to His disciples? See also Hebrews 12:2
2. Jesus prays that His disciples would have His joy. In what ways can joy (not just duty) fuel our church's evangelism?
3. How does Jesus describe the relationship between His disciples and "the world" in verses 14–16? See James 4:4 and 1 John 3:13
4. Why might Jesus emphasise both protection ("keep them from the evil one") and sanctification ("sanctify them in the truth") for the effectiveness of their mission?
5. Where does our church experience tension with "the world," and how does that tension affect our mission?
6. How can we intentionally embrace God's Word as a sanctifying force that shapes our witness and message? See Romans 12:2
7. Jesus sends His disciples as the Father sent Him — compassionate, incarnational, truth-bearing. What would it look like for our church to be sent in the same way?
8. In verses 20–21, who is included in Jesus' prayer, and what is His central desire for them?
9. What practical steps can we take to deepen our unity so that our life together becomes a more compelling testimony to the gospel?
10. Who are the people in our town—or personal circles—who might come to believe through our message, and how can we reach them together? How can we connect with people who are not yet Christians?
11. How can we create a culture in our church where evangelism is a shared ministry, not just the task of a few enthusiastic individuals?

Prayer Points

Please pray for The Light House Club, on Thursdays. Pray for CAMEO as well. Give thanks for those who enable the ministry and blessings for those who attend.

Women with disabilities are twice as likely to experience domestic violence. Pray that BMS' partner Human Development Community Services (HDCS) in Nepal will see good outcomes from their Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion programme.

Sermon Notes

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BIBLE STUDY

November 23rd 2025

Practicing the Way:

Life Together: Mission

John 17:13-21

Following Jesus has been likened to a long journey. When Jesus invited His first disciples to “follow” Him on the “way,” He was simultaneously saying that discipleship to Him is a lifelong path of learning. This series is designed to help you become more familiar with the journey of spiritual formation, help you get unstuck if you’ve stalled, or just guide you into being more confident to help others in their journey. Ultimately, its goal is to train you to live as an apprentice or disciple of Jesus: to be with Jesus, become like Him, and do as He did.