Title: Praying God's Heart Text: John 17:13-26

- What is this journey?
 - o This journey means following Jesus
 - o This journey is a life we receive
 - o This journey is for a lifetime
- Where am I at on this journey?

Today's Scripture: John 17:13-26

- John 17:1-5 Jesus prays for Himself
- John 17:6-9 Jesus prays for His followers
- John 17:17-20 Jesus prays for us

But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will 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." (ESV)

• Heart of this message: For unstoppable prayer, we must learn to pray what is on God's heart.

What was on Jesus' heart as He prayed?

1. Father, **purify**, verses 14-16

"...keep them from the evil one. They are not of this world."

- How do we stay pure in an impure world?
- Two tools that Jesus gave us to remain pure:
- 2. Father, sanctify, verses 17-18
- What did Jesus mean?
- What special use are we set apart for?
- 3. Father, unify, verses 21-23
- What is unity?
- What is the "glue" which unites us? I Corinthians 2:2
- What is the effect when followers of Jesus are united?
- 4. Father, clarify, verses 24-26
- A picture of clarity 2 Kings 6
- What prevents us from seeing clearly?
- What needs to be clarified?

Hearing God's voice and praying what's on Jesus' heart are both foundational to following the Master

• What do you want Jesus to pray for you today?