

Taking it Home:

- Bethel's Vision statement is, "making disciples of Jesus Christ and leading them to live, love and lead like Christ." "Making disciples" is when believers influence their realm with the Gospel of Christ. Are you "Rocking your Realm" as a representative of Jesus?

- The Truth of God's Word empowers believers to live in a way that sets them apart from the world though they must live in it. Are you of the world or in the world? How would you draw that line?

- What ways can you make changes in your life so that others see Christ in you?

Be the Master's Friend
Rock Your Realm
John 17:6-19

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Jesus petitions the Father regarding His disciples' unique calling as those sent into the world.

Notes:

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 11, 2010

John 17:6-19

Quick Review: **John 17:1-19** is known as the High Priestly Prayer of Jesus Christ. Jesus speaks to the Father on the behalf of those whom He loves. Jesus prays for the disciples to model His life as they represent the Father and Jesus in their realm of influence. Jesus prays for the unity of the disciples, protection from the evil one, Satan, and to continuously model the characteristics of truth, which is a life of holy behavior.

My Story

- What is the make up of the people within your realm of influence (students, factory workers, business colleagues, neighbors, clients, etc.)?
- Do people within your realm know you're a follower of Jesus Christ? How do they know?
 - Because you tell them you're a Christian?
 - Because they see Christ in you?
 - They do NOT know I'm a Christian.
 - Other
- Have you been totally transparent about being a follower of Jesus Christ in your realm of Influence: Yes or No? Why or Why Not? What was/is the reaction towards you when people within your realm found out you were a follower of Christ?

Growing Deeper

- Pastor Matthew stated, "Just as Jesus represented the Father's interests, so are we to represent His interests." What did Pastor Matthew mean by that statement?
- What were some of the resources Pastor Mathew mentioned that Christ followers have to pattern their lives after Jesus? (Cf. Read John 17:6, 8, 9, 13 & 14) Make a list and discuss.
- Does it sometimes seem like the pressures and stressors of life's grind cause you to lose your joy? READ John 15:11 & 17:13. According to Jesus, what brings a person complete joy and fulfillment?
- What are some of the ways we know for certain we have the protective care of the FATHER as followers of Jesus? (Cf. John 17:15; 17 & 19)
- Jesus states in John 17:17 that Truth is from God (His Word). Therefore, Truth aligns a follower of Jesus with the Father, with Jesus and with one another (other Christians). Pastor Matthew mentioned in his message that "Holiness is the characteristic of Truth." What did Pastor Matthew mean by that statement? Interpret and discuss.