Sermon Title: **“Last Words”**

3-Fold Purpose: ***Love God, Love Others, Serve the World***

One Mission: ***Make Disciples***

4 Commitments:

***Shaped by the Word***

1. Read John 17:1-26. As you read, underline or write down the specific things that Jesus requests of the Father.
   1. What is most meaningful or puzzling to you from this passage? Why?
   2. Part of the outcome of being shaped by the word of God is unity with God and with other Christ followers (vv. 20-21). Do you feel your life contributes to this kind of unity? Discuss.
   3. Share something from Steve’s sermon on Sunday that challenged or convicted you in some way.

***Surrendered to His Will***

1. Christian unity must begin with a surrender to God’s will.
   1. According to vv. 7-8, how did the disciples model what it meant to surrender to God’s will?
   2. In the above question, we are reminded of what our part is in surrender and unity. What do you learn from vv. 9-11 regarding Jesus’ role in our unity?
   3. What do you think about this, and how does it make you feel? Discuss.

***Connected to His Spirit***

1. Reread vv. 14-19. Note that ‘sanctify’ means to set apart and make holy.
   1. What does it mean to be *in* the world but not *of* the world?
   2. Jesus’ request to ‘keep them’ implies that there needs to be a close connection to his Spirit, much like the safety of

sheep requires close proximity to the shepherd. What do you do in your life that helps maintain a close connection to the Holy Spirit?

* 1. The Christian is sanctified by the work of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately the goal is that “they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (vs. 21). In your mental list of priorities, where does sanctification fall?

***Building His Kingdom***

1. In the latter part of this passage, Jesus clearly indicates that unity is a powerful form of evangelism (vv. 21 & 23). How well do you think Forward is doing in this regard?
2. How well is your life group doing? Are those outside of Christ being drawn to Christ as a result of your group?
3. What is God asking you to do that will tangibly contribute to the unity of your life group and the church more broadly? Spend some time in personal reflection and prayer, and then write your answer in the blanks below:

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Weekly Scripture Memory

*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,**to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,**until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,* Ephesians 4:11-13 (ESV)